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IS A GREAT SCHEME.

SECRETARY GAGE'S FINANCIAL JUGGERNAUT.

The Administration's Plan Leaves Nothing to Be Desired by the Most Remorseless Usurer—Plan to Enslave the American People.

Secretary Gage has pulled off the mask from the face of the McKinley administration. Senator Wolcott had no sooner walked the gang-plank of a returning European steamer than the monometallic scheme which prevailed in the last presidential election is given to the public as a proposition by Secretary Gage, which was by him laid before the cabinet meeting on Friday last, says the Silver Knight Watchman. It leaves nothing to be desired by the most remorseless usurer, and nothing to be hoped for by those who are in debt. It proposes the destruction of silver as a money of redemption, and declares that immediately, and without legislation, the entire volume of the silver dollars in this country is convertible into gold coin at the demand of the holder. All silver certificates are instantly convertible into silver dollars, and Secretary Gage offers to give gold in exchange for the whole of them. He favors the refunding of all the bonded indebtedness of the government. He would exchange the present bonds for new ones expressly payable in gold instead of in coin, with interest at 2 1/2 per cent. He would give the present bondholders enough additional bonds to make up for this reduction in interest. He would increase the gold reserve to one hundred and twenty-five millions of dollars, and make it permanent. To that he would add all of the silver dollars and silver bullion, and still to these he would add two hundred millions of the greenbacks, and never let them go out, unless somebody wanted to give gold for them. He would establish a new national banking system. He would have the government furnish to private banks \$150 worth of bank notes for every \$100 of bonds deposited as security. He would have the government guarantee the entire national bank issue. Two-thirds of the issue would be secured by bonds, and the remaining third by the assets of the banks and a 2 per cent tax on the unsecured circulation. The assets of the banks would include the tables, chairs, pens, pencils, inkstands, paper weights and stationery of every description, and the safes and the keys to the same.

It is a great scheme. It snatches a grace beyond the reach of Cleveland's art, and puts the plant Carlisle to school. Mr. Gage bases his demand for this scheme upon the present weakness of the nation's credit. He says that "commerce and industry, so sensitive to all financial events, and watchful with anxiety against dangers as yet unseen, need confidence that the government finances are to be firmly placed on stronger and more enduring foundations than now exist." Seconding Mr. Gage's motion, President McKinley said, in his banquet speech at Cincinnati on Saturday evening: "Remember our recent panic and financial experience, we should strengthen the weak places in our financial system and remove it further from ambiguity and doubt."

We suggest that a simpler plan to remove all anxiety and doubt would be by an amendment to the Constitution to place in the hands of Pierpont Morgan and his associates, and their successors forever, the entire legislative power of the United States in matters connected with finance and the currency. In other words, that the United States government make an assignment to Secretary Gage's powerful New York supporters.

"Church Must Lead." Rev. Father Ducey preached a sensational sermon in St. Leo's church at New York last Sunday. Among other things he said: "As a priest of the Catholic church, I say to you from this pulpit that the present conditions of the poor in the United States cannot go on. The Catholic church in these United States must lead for the emancipation of the people from their present social and economic slavery, and as the emancipator of the working classes. The states, the United States, congress, must make laws to protect the people's rights and abrogate the laws that have been made by bribery in the interests of frauds. The great mass of the people are in revolt the world over, and unless the church of Christ, directed by the spirit of Jesus becomes the advocate of the people's cause and force into public life the trust and best men of the land, who cannot and will not be purchased by trust kings and kings of monopoly—force into public life men who will pass just laws based on the ten commandments, the revolt of the people now before the world will swing into a most disastrous revolution."

Why We Are Poor. The laboring people live too fast; that is why they are poor. There is no doubt of this, says J. A. Wayland, for those who are rich say so. If the working people will quit dressing in the latest styles, quit keeping a stud of fast horses, quit betting on the races and gambling in stocks and bonds, quit giving wine suppers and banquets, deny themselves theater-parties and European trips, quit their palaces with a long retinue of servants, I am quite sure they will become quite wealthy. These are things that keep their noses to the grindstone. Plutocratic logic.

HAMMER AND ANVIL.

Having taken a brief rest after his unsuccessful efforts in behalf of Seth Low, Carl Schurz has resumed his steady occupation of throwing brickbats at Senator Gallinger, whom he accuses of being an enemy to civil service reform. Just why Mr. Schurz should constitute himself the especial champion of civil service is not clear. He is a chronic officeholder himself, but he has never held an office subject to the civil service law. His activity is probably due to his propensity to meddle and to his steadfast conviction that all the wisdom and patriotism of the nation are concentrated in his person. Gallinger is a spoilsman, but he is much less offensive than busybodies and pharisees of the Schurz stripe.

In the Pennsylvania coal regions, where the "lawlessness" of the miners recently was the source of great grief to the organs of the coal barons, a committee of the Pennsylvania legislature has made some discoveries respecting the lawlessness of the mine owners. The committee found that many if not most of the operators are maintaining "pick-me" stores in violation of the law, that some of them use dishonest screens and dishonest weights, and that practically all of them are rack-rent landlords, who exact from the miners a yearly rent equivalent to the total cost of the shanties in which they live. Comment upon these facts would be superfluous, and it would be idle to hope for a betterment of the situation revealed. Pennsylvania is a hopeless rotten borough of monopoly and the only salvation for the miners is to find work elsewhere if they can.

The original idea of the congressional library having been entirely lost sight of the librarian has recently added to its alleged usefulness by providing a room for blind readers and a lot of books printed in raised type, and now ladies are giving readings from Howells in the room, and it is said a piano is to be added presently and other things to make it a pleasant reading place. This is all very nice, but what has it to do with the library of congress, and why should the country pay the bills? No wonder this is a billion-dollar country.

In speaking of Mr. Hanna, Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll volunteered the remark that "the people suspect money without genius." Mr. Hanna has been accused by his political enemies of being unscrupulous in the use of campaign money, but not even his enemies have charged him with getting his personal fortune through dishonest means. Colonel Ingersoll professes to be a republican, and it will become him to cast baseless slurs upon any prominent man in his party. He must have spoken carelessly.

Republican statesmen should broaden generally. While they take such a comprehensive view of the Hawaiian question, they should widen out on the tariff. It doesn't consist to argue that we need a mid-Pacific station in the interest of extended commerce and then regulate our tariff laws so as to destroy that commerce.

Mr. McKinley has not yet told us what he meant by saying that he is highly gratified with the result in Ohio. Such a remark is calculated to make Mr. Hanna feel uncomfortable.

For the life of us we cannot see what part Senator Thurston played in the late campaign for which he should be given credit. He left Nebraska and went to New York, and the latter state went democratic by a majority so big that they have not yet got down counted. In the meantime his absence from Nebraska did not seem to do that state any good, as it went democratic, too. Either the presence or the absence of the senator seems to be fatal.

Mr. Platt's denunciation of the Low managers in New York as a lot of rule-or-ruin factionists is the sheerest nonsense in the light of the fact that Low received nearly 50 per cent more votes than Platt's candidate. But Platt does not give any consideration to a small matter like that. His position is that Platt constitutes the republican party of New York, and that anyone who opposes him is a factionist.

We will believe somewhat of the alleged shame of the old soldiers at the frauds on the pension list when we see some of the hundreds of thousands of old soldiers who are drawing pensions they do not need return those pensions to the treasury of the people which they have robbed. Out upon a country whose citizens are only willing to serve it for pay!

The latest move of the administration in its desperation to save Hanna is to drag poor old John Sherman into the senatorial race. Sherman is, of course, unfitted for service in the senate now. The president himself was mainly instrumental in impressing this fact upon the country by placing Sherman in a position where his feebleness was displayed to the whole world. Therefore, the talk in administration circles of bringing the old statesman out for the senate in the present muddled situation in Ohio can have but one meaning. That meaning is McKinley's willingness to make of him a door mat for Hanna.

The situation in Ohio appears to have simmered down to the proposition that Mr. Hanna can have the senatorship if he is willing to pay for it. This is well enough as a basis for negotiations, but Mr. Hanna will very properly insist upon certain details being cleared up before he appears as a bidder.

NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Carefully Collated in Brief and Pointed Paragraphs.

FURNACE EMPLOYEES' WAGES ARE ADVANCED

The Germans Dispatch Artillerymen and Marines to China—A Family Poisoned by Drinking Milk—A Bank Closes. A Passenger Train Wrecked.

Ex-Senator Pat Walsh was elected mayor of Augusta, Ga., Thursday by a plurality of 824.

Dr. Thomas W. Edwards, the American who died in Paris, left a fortune of perhaps \$8,000,000.

President Pierola, of Peru, vetoed the bill recently passed by congress legalizing non Catholic marriages.

The State Piedmont Bank, of Morgantown, N. C., has closed its doors owing to inability to make collections.

In a fire damp explosion at the Frankerholz coal mine near Hamburg, thirty men were killed and fifty injured.

The gold output of the Cripple Creek district in November was \$1,580,600, the largest in the history of the camp.

The board of health of Atlanta has decided that everybody must be vaccinated who has not already submitted to the operation.

Seven hundred blast furnace employees at Sharon and Sharpsville, Pa., have received an advance in wages of 10 and 20 per cent.

Thursday's condition of the United States Treasury showed: Available cash balances, \$220,210,130; gold reserve, \$157,396,039.

A passenger train on the Chicago and Erie was wrecked near Lima, O. It is reported the engine blew up and killed three persons.

The German naval department has sent instructions to Kiel to dispatch 200 artillerymen with field guns and 1,000 marines to China.

Jesse Bagley, with his wife and two children, were poisoned by milk at their home, near Dover, Tenn., and none of them are expected to recover.

At Paris Sybil Sanderson, the American actress, was received into the Catholic church two days before she married Antonio Terry, an immensely rich Cuban.

Peru is the first of the South American countries to open negotiations with the United States for a reciprocity treaty under the provisions of the Dingley law.

Governor Bloxham, of Florida, has received letters from several governors of states saying they will attend the national fish congress at Tampa New Year's Day.

Fire destroyed the gin house on Major John M. Billups' plantation, near Columbus, Miss., and destroyed twenty-two bales of cotton and 4,000 bushels of cotton seed.

At Canton, O., Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of the President, was stricken with paralysis Thursday, and it is feared her death is only a question of a short time.

Cuban insurgents entered the town of Saco, near Baracoa, on the north-east coast of the province of Santiago de Cuba, plundered the stores and massacred about fifty persons.

It is reported that General Pando, who was placed in charge of the military operations in Cuba by General Blanco, has been killed in an engagement with the insurgents in Santa Clara province.

The British steamship Alberta sailed for Hull from Baltimore with 253,301 bushels of corn, the largest cargo of corn ever shipped from that port, and probably the largest ever shipped from the United States.

The president has appointed B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi, register of the treasury. Bruce represented Mississippi in the United States senate in reconstruction days. The position to which he is appointed is one he held some years ago.

The first snow of the season fell over Kansas Thursday night, extending over the entire State. The snow will generally benefit wheat. In Central Kansas wheat goes into the winter this season in better condition than in ten years.

In a street duel at Nashville, Ark., Thursday, Dr. Smith, a prominent physician, was killed, and J. J. Smith fatally wounded by W. W. Milwee. The tragedy was the result of a feud of long standing.

At Mouse Creek, Tenn., Frank Sherman was shot from ambush and fell dead on the spot. His son, who was with him, was seriously wounded. The murderers are thought to be relatives of the murdered man.

The Southern League of Baseball Clubs was organized in Atlanta Saturday afternoon with eight teams, as follows: Savannah, Charleston, Augusta, Columbus, Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans.

A bill has been introduced in the Georgia legislature to save Mrs. Elizabeth Nobles, a white woman, now under sentence of death, from the gallows. The measure was introduced at the suggestion of Governor Atkinson, indicating that he will pardon or commute Mrs. Nobles.

Three young farmers—Seth Lowe, Will Phillips and John Howard—living near Huntsville, Ark., loved the same girl. The three met at prayer meeting and retired to a spot a short distance away to discuss the situation. A general fight ensued with pistols, resulting in the fatal wounding of all.

INTERNAL REVENUE FIGURES.

Over Two Thousand Illit Distilleries Destroyed During the Year.

In his annual report to the secretary of the treasury Mr. Foran, commissioner of internal revenue, estimates the receipts from all sources for the current fiscal year will aggregate at least \$155,000,000, an increase over 1897 of about \$8,500,000.

A comparative statement of the receipts during the last fiscal year is given in part as follows:

Spirits, \$32,008,512; license over 1896, \$1,338,472.

Tobacco, \$39,710,297, decrease, \$1,231.

Permeated liquors, \$32,472,162; decrease, \$1,312,072.

The cost of the collection of the revenue during the last fiscal year was \$3,848,469.

During the year 2,241 illit stills were destroyed and thirty-two were removed, 1,892 persons were arrested, one killed and three wounded. Of the stills seized and destroyed 228 were located in Alabama, 541 in Georgia, 463 in North Carolina, 149 in South Carolina and 182 in the Sixth Virginia district. During the last year ten officers were killed and sixteen wounded by moonshiners.

WOMEN GOING KLONDYKE.

Mrs. Hannis Gould, of Macon, Ga., Will Lead Females to the Gold Fields.

Mrs. Hannis S. Gould, a prominent Georgia woman, will undertake next spring to lead a colony of one hundred women in the Klondyke regions of Alaska.

It seems that Mrs. Gould has not determined, however, to take the women to the Klondyke with a view to making a fortune by digging gold. She has set out for the sole purpose of planting a woman colony there, and it is her plan to find employment for the women as cooks, seamstresses, trained nurses and housekeepers. Of course if any of them want to take up the pick and shovel and go to digging gold, it is not at all likely that Mrs. Gould will prevent them from this work.

DESTITUTION IN PINAR DEL RIO.

Thirty-four Thousand Concentrados Now on the Charity of Spain.

Senor Canalejas, the special commissioner of the Spanish government, has returned to Havana from his visit to the province of Pinar del Rio. He says there are 34,000 "concentrados" peasants gathered in that country and in the neighborhood of towns for protection from insurgents or to prevent them from joining the enemy, and that they are all in want. Of this number 15,000 are orphans and the majority are children of tender years. The municipal authorities, the commissioner says, are without resources, and therefore unable to do anything to relieve the destitution.

Germany's Demands Upon Hayti.

The exact nature of Germany's demands on Hayti became known for the first time Thursday. The demands are as follows:

1. An indemnity of \$20,000 (American for Emil Lueders, who was killed by Hayti, and three other persons without danger of any kind.

2. The promise that Mr. Lueders may return to Hayti, and there sojourn without danger of any kind.

3. A letter to my government in which you will express apology for the proceedings towards the German government in the whole transaction.

4. That the president of Hayti shall graciously receive the German charge d'affaires at Port au Prince.

It was also announced that if indemnity was not given a warship would be sent or diplomatic relations be broken.

Medical College Burned.

Friday the Tennessee Medical college, located near Knoxville, was discovered on fire, and on account of poor protection it burned slowly to the ground. The college was one of the best institutions in the South and was well attended. The building cost \$25,000, and was comparatively new. The owners, who are physicians, claim that the contents were worth \$125,000. The insurance carried was only \$10,000.

Justice Field is Out.

Justice Field's retirement from the supreme court, of which he gave official notice to the president last April, took place Thursday. If Justice Field had continued in office until next Tuesday he would have seen forty-four years of continuous service.

Atlanta's New Paper.

An application has been filed in Atlanta for the incorporation of the Phoenix Publishing Company. Among the incorporators are G. S. Appleton, of the Appleton Publishing Company, of New York, and D. R. Morgan, a son of J. Pierpont Morgan, of the same city. The capital stock is placed at \$200,000, with the privilege of increasing it to \$1,000,000. They ask the privilege of publishing an afternoon, Sunday morning and weekly newspaper in Atlanta. They ask the right, if deemed advisable, to publish a daily morning paper, and to establish agencies and branches in other places in Georgia and in other States.

Owenton University to Be Aided.

At a session of the Methodist conference, held at Florence, Bishop Galway presiding, a resolution offered by Rev. Read, of Birmingham, was adopted by a vote of 93 to 63. It provides that the interest of North Alabama conference in the Southern University, at Greensboro, owned by the two conferences of Alabama, be withdrawn and applied to building and equipping the Owenton University, near Birmingham, contracts for which have been let.

A WEEK'S NEWS IN ALABAMA

Commissioner Culver Calls on the Farmers to Organize.

ENTIRE FAMILY MURDERED IN HALE COUNTY

Successful Still Raids in Cleburne—The Coal Output for the Year—Federal Grand Jury Makes a Sensational Charge—Other News Notes.

Commissioner of Agriculture Culver has issued a letter to the farmers and land of Alabama calling upon them to meet with him to organize an agricultural society for the purpose of advancing the agricultural interests of the State.

He calls attention to the low price of cotton, which has existed several years, and says at the present rate the farmers will soon be in bankruptcy. He recommends planting a diversity of crops and reducing the acreage of cotton. An agricultural society, composed of practical farmers, could be of great advantage to the farming industry, as each member's experience would be helpful to the others.

Mr. Culver requests that five or six representative men from each county meet him at the State capital Wednesday, January 12, for the purpose of organizing the society and perfecting plans for the organization of counties and precincts. The probate judges will be asked to assist in the selection of these delegates. He asks that all citizens, whether farmers or not, assist in the proposed plan.

ENTIRE FAMILY MURDERED.

Details of a Foul Crime Committed Near Greensboro.

John Singly, his wife and their 12-year-old son were murdered Wednesday night eight miles north of Greensboro by a negro named Bill Scott.

After the deed Scott entered their home, and breaking open a drawer, secured \$700 in money and made his escape.

Mrs. Singly and her son died instantly, but Mr. Singly lived until 2 p. m. Thursday and told the story of the crime and the name of the negro who committed the deed.

Scott induced Singly, upon some pretense, to go a short distance up the road with him, and then knocked Singly down with a stick and cut his throat. He then went to the house, brained the mother and son, cut their throats, procured \$700 from a drawer and made his escape.

Citizens have offered a reward of \$500 for Scott's capture, and the governor will be asked to offer a like amount.

STILLS RAIDED IN CLEBURNE.

Three Stills Destroyed, But the Operator Escaped.

Internal Revenue Collector J. F. Green has just finished a tour of Cleburne county and succeeded in destroying three flourishing illit stills. They were situated as follows:

Five miles southeast of Jenkins: One forty-gallon still, copper worm, flake stands and 400 gallons of beer were destroyed.

Three miles southeast of Grantly: One forty-gallon wood still, four fermenters, 500 gallons of beer and a lot of tools were destroyed.

Three miles northeast of Grantly: One forty-five gallon copper still, wood cap, flake stand, eight fermenters and 700 gallons of beer were destroyed.

The combined capacity of the three plants was about forty gallons of whiskey per day. No arrests were made. The operators apparently got wind of the fact that the officers were in the vicinity and kept out of sight.

Alabama Coal Output.

The output of coal in Alabama during the year 1897 will exceed that of 1896 by a couple of hundred thousand tons. This is the surmise of State Mine Inspector James D. Hillhouse.

Speaking of the report, Mr. Hillhouse stated: "I believe the output this year will reach the 6,000,000 tons mark. It will exceed last year's output by at least 200,000 tons. The output last year was something over 5,700,000 tons. The six million mark would have been increased by several hundred thousand tons if the lay-off on the part of the miners during the summer had not occurred. Since that time the output of the various mines in the state has been enormous. The first part of the year shows a large output also."

Official Scandal Refuted by the Court.

In the United States court at Birmingham Thursday nine cases against W. H. Hunter, three cases against Sandy White, six cases against C. C. Reid and one case against W. C. Reid for presenting false claims to the government were not pressed and dismissed from the docket. These cases grew out of an investigation instituted some years ago resulting from a report of a United States grand jury.

KEEN TO KEEP HIS OFFICE.

The Postmaster at Mobile Refuses to Turn Office Over to His Successor.

The newly appointed postmaster, P. D. Barker, republican, has in vain endeavored to obtain possession of the postoffice at Mobile from Postmaster Rapier, democrat. The latter's attorneys have raised an entirely new point of law, which Inspector Tate says has never been raised in his experience. Postmaster Rapier's commission expires in December, 1898. Mr. Barker was appointed by President McKinley in October last.

Mr. Rapier has had no notice of his removal, although Inspector Tate served upon him telegraphic instructions from Postmaster General Gary saying Rapier should acknowledge Barker's commission as notice of removal, no other notice being customary with the department.

Mr. Rapier's attorneys hold that the language of the statute relating to postmasters of the first class is special; that it provides that the president shall appoint and may remove such officers by and with the advice of the senate. Consequently, as Mr. Rapier's commission had not expired, and Mr. Barker's appointment had not been confirmed by the senate, nor Mr. Rapier's removal confirmed by the same body, Rapier is still postmaster.

AS A COTTON MARKET

Birmingham Will Have a Place Among the Great Centers.

Secretary Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, has written the Commercial club of Birmingham that if statistics on cotton receipts are regularly furnished him that Birmingham will be listed on the exchange among the interior towns. These statistics will be furnished by the local cotton buyers, who have also been in correspondence with Secretary Hester, and henceforth Birmingham will be known as a great cotton market, as well as the leading iron, coal and industrial market of the south. The cotton receipts this year will probably reach 150,000 bales, which will give Birmingham about fifth place among the interior towns of the south. If the increase continues at the same ratio, in the next few years as it has in the past, Birmingham will rank even higher.

Announced His Candidacy.

Hon. L. W. Hunter, of Lowndes county, late receiver of public money under the Cleveland administration, has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for state commissioner of agriculture.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

An ice plant is being erected at Daphne.

A foundry and machine shop will be erected at LaFayette.

The Florence Buggy Company has asked for a receiver.

Landerdale's cotton crop this year will exceed that of last by 25 per cent.

A branch station of the United States weather bureau has been located in Ashville, and they get daily reports on the weather.

An issue of \$10,000 for 6 per cent twenty-year city of Huntsville bonds has been sold to Randolph Key, Bolt & Co., of Cincinnati, for \$10,926. The city will devote this sum to street improvements.

The Bell Telephone Company has had estimates made on a line from Anniston to Birmingham and will go to work at once to make this extension of its line. It will also extend its line from Anniston to Atlanta.

The gin of James Wilder, of Blue Pond, was totally destroyed by fire, together with four bales of seed cotton, three bales already ginned, and 2,600 bushels of cotton seed. It is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries.

The result of the late election in the Second regiment, Alabama National Guard, has at last been announced. Adjutant-General Ligon issued an order announcing the unanimous election of Tom O. Smith, of Birmingham, as major of the regiment.

The state convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which was postponed on account of the epidemic, has served notice that the meeting will be held at New Decatur in the latter part of this month. The session will last one week.

Refugee and Military Camp Suggested.

Governor Johnston has made a suggestion which will likely be received in the State with a good deal of favor. It is briefly this: That the State establish, at some central point, a permanent combination State encampment ground and refugee camp. It is estimated that this can be easily done at a cost of \$10,000.

The governor has not defined in his own mind all of the details of the scheme, but his idea appears to be to locate some entirely desirable place, build three commodious and permanent cooking houses, storage rooms, etc., and to provide and keep stored away on the premises tents sufficient to accommodate some 30,000 people.

Sensational Charge.

The federal grand jury in session at Birmingham has made special reports charging that the United States prisoners in Jefferson county jail are ill-fed and scantily provided with the necessities of life. The report was a scathing document and provoked a vehement speech from Judge Boatman, who referred to the alleged treatment as worthy only of barbarians. He declared it his purpose to investigate the charge and if true, would see that the prisoners were removed to another place.

THE SOUTH'S PROGRESS.

The New Industries Reported in the South for the Week Just Ended.

Among the most important new industries for the week ending December 4, The Tradesman reports the following: The Southern Bridge & Construction Co., capital, \$25,000, Houston, Tex.; electric light plants at Thomaston, Ga., Donaldsonville, La., and Marion, Va.; large flouring mills at Sweet Home, N. C., Clover, S. C., and Lebanon and Rogans, Tenn.; the Carolina Ice Co., capital, \$10,000, Wilmington, N. C., and the Dallas Ice Factory, Light & Power Co., capital, \$199,000, at Dallas, Texas. The Chattanooga Roofing & Paving Co., will erect a \$12,000 plant at Atlanta, Ga.; the Switzer Co., capital, \$15,000, will build an oil mill at Columbia, S. C., and W. F. Thompson another at Devine, Texas. The Southern Sugar Refining Co., capital, \$1,000,000, has been chartered at Richmond, Va., and the Southeastern Extension Cotton Mill Co., capital, \$10,000, at Portsmouth, Va. Two extensive cotton mill plants will be put in near Thomaston, Ga., and a \$10,000 tobacco manufacturing company has been organized at Lynchburg, Va. A \$20,000 box and package factory will be built at Memphis, Tenn., a \$5,000 furniture factory at Winston-Salem, N. C., and other woodworking plants will be established at Hartselle and Woodstock, Ala., Liberty, Ky., Dillon, Tenn., Corsicana, Tex., and Big Stone Gap, Va.

CONTINUALLY "ON TAP."

Central America to the Front With Another Revolution.

The latest mail from Guatemala conveys the information that President Barrios is threatened with another uprising. Advice have been received at the capital of the Central American Republic to the effect that conspirators are at work in the northern part of the country, close to the Mexican border, and are being aided by political enemies of Barrios in the eastern departments of the government. Behind the movement is said to be Gen. Castillo, who participated in the recent uprising.

Novel and Fearful.

Miss Bertie Wilson, of South Manchester, Ky., 16 years of age, met with a novel and fearful accident the past week. She was sitting in front of a coal stove, making a drawing, her head bent low, when, quick as a lightning flash, her celluloid comb caught fire. The blaze at once enveloped her head. She ran screaming into the dining room. Her father happened to be in and, keeping his presence of mind, seized a bucket of water and poured it over the girl's head. The flames were stopped, but not before all her hair was burned off and a large section of the scalp injured. Her clothing also ignited and her arms, back and shoulders were badly burned.

Awful Conditions in Cuba.

A consular officer in Cuba writes the state department, that no less than 150,000 of the peasantry of the interior, who were concentrated in the coast towns, have died of hunger and exposure, mostly old men, women and children. He says the remnant left alive, are helpless and hopeless. Their homes were long ago reduced to heaps of cinders and ashes. Their fields are wastes. If they are returned to whence they were driven by Weyler, they must starve, for they have neither seed, nor animals, nor strength of their own, with which to begin anew.

Corner in Wheat.

It has been reported at the chamber of commerce at Minneapolis, Minn., that the Peasey Elevator Companies have made a combine with the Pillsbury Companies, and secured control of not only the wheat in Minneapolis but all the wheat stored in the elevators throughout the Northwest.

Pillsbury recently predicted that wheat would go to \$1.50, and this is consistent with the rumor of the corner.

Three Points Settled.

The Georgia legislature has practically settled three of the most important phases of the convict problem. They are: The State shall lease out all able-bodied convicts. It shall have supervision over all misdemeanor convicts, and shall establish a farm for all women, juvenile and infirm convicts.

Germany's Threats.

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The Baptist State Convention
will be held at East Lake Dec. 15th.

The Grand Lodge of Masons is
in session at Montgomery this
week.

The farmers around Georgiana
are preparing to plant an unusu-
ally large oat crop.

Talladega will invite the Baptist
State Convention to meet at that
place next year.

A Clay county man claims to
have made 40 bales of cotton this
year on 14 acres.

The Alabama Conference of the
Methodist Protestant church con-
vened at Elmore last Wednesday.

One thousand head of cattle
have been shipped from Talladega
to western states within the last
30 days.

The State Missionary Conven-
tion of the Christian Church in
Alabama, is in session this week at
Birmingham. About 100 delegates
are in attendance.

The new cotton mill at Cordova,
Walker county, has been completed,
and is now ready to commence
operation. The mill has 25,000
spindles and 800 looms, and will
consume 10,000 bales of cotton an-
nually.

The message of President Mc-
Kinley to Congress, shows very
clearly that he recognizes the ne-
cessity of some legislation in refer-
ence to the financial system in
vogue in this country. The whole
trouble lies in the fact that con-
gress is under the influence of plu-
toocracy, and the people need ex-
pect no reform legislation until the
people get a sufficient number of
honest men there to force these re-
form measures to the front.

While at Childersburg yesterday,
the editor of the Advocate had the
pleasure of meeting his old friend
Harry McCall, of Montgomery.
Harry's bump of secretiveness is
pretty well developed, but we think
we caught on to his business at
C., which was to look after a cross-
ing for the Chattanooga Southern.
The natural route for that road
Mc., is through the mineral and
timber belt of Shelby, through Co-
lumbiana and Shelby, and on to
Montgomery.

The Mobile Register thinks the
initiative and referendum is a good
thing, "in a populist platform."
Yes, but not quite so good as Ra-
pin in the Mobile postoffice. Gol-
ly, don't he hold on to the Govern-
ment "tit?" He is opposed to the
initiative in that case, but in favor
of the referendum. It is thought
that when he is forced to let go the
"tit," which he will have to do in a
few days, the citizens of Baldwin
county, just across the bay, will
hear his lips pop. No sir, no in-
itiative and referendum in "hien."

It would be interesting to know
just how many head of cattle have
been shipped from this State to
the West this fall and winter. The
number, if known, would astonish
the natives. The question natu-
rally arises, what does these ship-
ments mean? Can it be, as stated,
that they are shipped to Texas,
Missouri and Illinois to fatten for
market? Can the shippers afford
to pay freight on these cattle to the
West and then pay freight back to
market? If so, could they not be
fattened at home cheaper? This is
a matter that ought to be inves-
tigated. It is said that one man
in or near Birmingham a few years
ago, cleared \$10,000 fattening Tex-
as cattle for market, and that his
principle feed was cotton seed meal
and hulls. It occurs to us there is
big money in the business now, if
properly managed. If some inter-
prising farmer near Birmingham
would leave off his cotton crop
and arrange his farm with a view
of fattening cattle for market in
the winter months, he would have
a bananao and Birmingham would
have good beef.

MOTHER MCKINLEY.

From the turmoil of its political
and business cares the country
turns aside to sympathize with
President McKinley in the affliction
which has come upon his aged
mother.

Without respect to party lines,
the announcement which comes
from Canton, telling of the seri-
ous illness of this picturesque old
lady, fills the entire nation with
deep solicitude. Since her first in-
roduction to the public during the
recent presidential campaign she
has been an object of tender regard
to the whole American people.

Though weighted down by the
infirmities of almost ninety years,
Mother McKinley managed to be
present at the ceremonies of in-
auguration on the 4th of last
March to attest her pride in the
achievement of her son, who had
climbed to the highest office in the
nation's gift, and to witness the
crowning reward of her maternal
influence. If she was not indeed
the central figure of that hour she
at least divided its honors with her
son.

On account of her advanced age
it is not likely that the old lady
will recover from her present stroke
of paralysis; but the prayers of the
entire nation will nevertheless go
up in her behalf.—Constitution.

A TRUE, STRANGE STORY.

Once a farmer had 1,800 bushels
of wheat, his entire crop, which he
sold, not to a single merchant, but
to 1,800 different dealers, a bushel
to each. A few paid cash, but by
far the greater number said they
would pay in a few days. "How is
this," said the farmer, "my 1,800
bushels of wheat should have kept
my family in comfort until next
year's crop was sold, but I have
parted with the grain and have for
it only a large number of accounts
so small and scattered that I can-
not get around fast enough to col-
lect them to pay expenses."

"So he posted up a public notice
for all who owed him 'to come and
pay him quickly.' But few came,
the rest said: 'Mine is such a small
amount that he can do without it,
I will pay it in a few days,' for-
getting that though each amount
was very small, when all were put
together it meant a large sum to
the man. So things went on and
the poor man was forced to the
wall though perfectly solvent. The
farmer got to feeling so badly that
he fell out of bed awakened and
running to his barn, found his
1,800 bushels of wheat all safe
there."

"Moral—The next day he went
to town and meeting the editor of
the county paper he had been read-
ing for several years said: Here is
your pay for your paper and when
my time is out I will pay for it in
advance. I stood in your position
last night and know how it is to
have one's honestly earned money
scattered."—Mississippi Farmer.

We trust that all of our subscri-
bers will arrive at the same deter-
mination that did this man, and
that they will come forward and
show their appreciation of our ef-
forts in an equally substantial way.

Bill Scott, the negro who mur-
dered the Singley family, near
Greensboro last week, was arrested
in Perry county on Saturday.

There is no Word so

Full of Meaning

and about which such tender recol-
lections cluster

as that of
"MOTHER."
—she who
watched
our helpless
infancy and
guided our
first totter-
ing step.
The life of
every Ex-
pectant
Mother is
beset with
danger.

"Mother's Friend"

so assists Nature in the change taking
place that the Expectant Mother is
enabled to look forward without dread
to the hour when she experiences the
joy of Motherhood. It insures safety
to both Mother and Child, and she is
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Don't be persuaded. Use nothing but

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"My wife suffered more in ten minutes with
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valuable information and interesting testimonials.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From the Alabama Time-Piece.

Columbiana, Ala., Nov. 23, 1897.
—In compliance with the call of
the chairman of the republican
county executive committee of
Shelby county, the committee and
republicans at large met in the
court house at Columbiana on the
above date at 12 o'clock. The
chairman, Mr. J. L. Vandiver, call-
ed the meeting to order, and on mo-
tion of Hon. W. F. Aldrich, Mr.
Vandiver was made chairman of
the meeting; C. F. McCarroll and
J. M. Withers, secretaries.

The chairman stated the object
of the meeting, saying that he
wanted to solidify the party and to
mend up all the broken places; that
he wanted all loyal men of the G.
O. P., and such others as were fa-
vorable to the success of the party,
to have a free expression of their
thoughts as to the future.

Hon. W. F. Aldrich offered the
following resolution:
Resolved, by a conference of re-
publicans of Shelby county, assem-
bled at Columbiana, this 23rd day
of November, 1897.

Whereas, the result of co-opera-
tion in this county has been of
mutual benefit to the republicans
and people's party, therefore we
favor co-operation between them
and all parties opposed to the bal-
lot-box stuffing democracy of Ala-
bama. We request and instruct
the republican executive commit-
tee of Shelby county to do all in
their power to bring about such co-
operation on an equitable basis.

After some little discussion the
resolution was adopted.
Mr. J. D. Hardy offered the fol-
lowing resolution: At a conference
of Republicans held at Columbiana
on the 23rd day of November, 1897,
it was resolved that the county
committee be requested to call a
county convention at an early date,
and that the various beats be ac-
corded one delegate for every fifty
votes, or fraction, that were cast for
Nathan Alexander, the McKinley
elector.

Good order prevailed throughout
all the transactions. The business
of the conference being completed
the conference adjourned, and with
no recess the county chairman, J.
L. Vandiver, called the executive
committee together to transact such
business as should properly come
before it, as follows:

Messrs. A. M. Pope and G. A.
Brasier were made temporary mem-
bers of the committee.

On motion of Hon. W. F. Al-
drich, the committee voted that the
chairman call a convention some
time between the 15th of February
and the 15th of March, 1898, at
Calera, and to confer with the Pop-
ulists as to the exact date and to
issue the call within thirty days.

The Alabama Time Piece, a
weekly paper published at Aldrich,
Ala., was made the official organ of
Shelby county for 1898.

The delegates were apportioned
as follows:

Beat 1 will send 5; beat 2 will
send 2; beat 3 will send 3; beat 4
will send 5; beat 5 will send 1; beat
6 will send 2; beat 7 will send 2;
beat 8 will send 1; beat 9 will send
3; beat 10 will send 2; beat 11 will
send 1; beat 12 will send 1; beat 13
will send 1; beat 14 will send 2;
beat 15 will send 2; beat 16 will
send 2; beat 17 will send 2; beat 18
will send 2.

Mr. Aldrich motioned that the
apportionment of delegates be one
for each beat and one additional
for each fifty votes cast for Nathan
Alexander, or fraction over twenty-
five. Carried.

It was voted that the delegates
appear in person, or send proxy by
the resident of the beat. Mr. Eu-
gene Williams offered the follow-
ing resolutions which were adopt-
ed:

Resolved, By the republican ex-
ecutive committee of Shelby county,
assembled at Columbiana, this
the 23rd day of November, 1897.
That we commend the Hon. Wm.
F. Aldrich, our chosen congression-
al representative, for the manly
contest that he has made for his
seat in the Fifty-fifth Congress,
and we further approve and ratify
the various postoffice appointments
that have been made in our county
upon his recommendation.

J. L. VANDIVER, Chairman.
E. F. MCCARROLL, Secretary.

Capt. J. W. Purfoy, a promi-
nent citizen of Wilcox county,
died at his home in that county on
the 2nd inst. He was a good man
and will be greatly missed.

GOODS BOUGHT FROM A SHERIFF!

Will be Closed Out Regardless of Cost for the Next 30 Days.

We bought out the entire stock of Harmon Bros., at Pratt City, Ala., consisting of Fine Dry Goods, Cashmeres, Worsteds, Flannels, Men's and Children's Clothing, and Shoes, Ladies and Misses Capes and Jackets, which we are now receiving daily, and will close them out at a great sacrifice.

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Read these Low Bargain Prices, which beat the Record:

Good soft-finish bleaching, per yard,	3 1/2	Men's good working pants,	50
Good quality calico, turkey red, gray and brown,	3 1/2	Men's wool pants,	75
Dress and apron gingham,	3 1/2	Men's heavy overcoats, worth \$4.50,	2 50
Yard-wide sea island,	5	Men's good wool suits,	2 50
Outing flannels,	5	Men's black diagonal suits,	3 50
French fancy satens,	8	Men's landried percale shirts, collars and cuffs,	25
Extra heavy shirting chevots,	5	Men's suspenders,	10
The best calico, such as Allen's turker reds, indigo blue,		Men's celluloid collars,	5
Simpson's black and gray, all guaranteed colors,	5	Men's heavy buckskin overshirts,	25
All wool filling worsteds,	7 1/2	Boys' knee suits, sizes 4 to 9,	75
Single-width cashmeres,	10	Boys' knee pants, sizes 4 to 11,	25
Double-width cashmeres, in all colors,	12 1/2	Boys' wool hats,	15
Six balls of thread,	5	Mens' shoes, lace or congress,	1 00
Four papers pins,	5	LOW PRICES IN GROCERIES.	
Ladies' good working shoes,	75	Good green coffee, per pound,	10
Ladies' corsets,	25	Arbuckle's roasted coffee, 8 pounds,	1 00
Ladies' black or gray heavy quality hose,	5	Best Y. C. sugar, 20 pounds,	1 00
Ladies' fast black seamless hose,	10	Standard granulated, 18 pounds,	1 00
Ladies' beaver capes,	50	Good chewing tobacco, per pound,	25
Double capes, trimmed with braid or fur, 75 to \$1.00.		Good smoking tobacco, per pound,	20
		Soda, in pound packages, 6 for	25

On flour, meat and other heavy groceries we will give you the lowest market prices.

We also handle a good line of furniture, tinware and crockery and O. K. cooking stoves, which are the best make. Will give you the lowest prices on the same.

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Probate Notice.
State of Alabama, Probate
Shelby County.
Estate of William Booth, deceased.
Letters of Administration on the
Estate of said deceased having been
granted to the undersigned on the
15th day of October 1897, by the Hon.
D. R. McMillan, Judge of the Probate
Court of Shelby County, notice is here-
by given that all persons having
claims against said estate, are hereby
required to present the same within
the time allowed by law, or the same
will be barred.

E. F. VEST,
Administrator.

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sell Grove's tasteless chill tonic
for malaria, chill and fever. It is
simply Iron and quinine in a taste-
less form. Children love it. Ad-
ults prefer it to bitter, nauseating
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sea level, is free from all malarial
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via the Southern Railway, on most
convenient schedules.

Notice No. 19286.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 10, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that the fol-
lowing-named settler has filed notice
of his intention to make final proof in
support of his claim, and that said
proof will be made before the Clerk of
the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala.,
on December 23, 1897, viz: Sidney W.
Nicholas, Homestead entry, No. 24,830,
for the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 6, Tp. 21
south of range 4 west.
He names the following witnesses to
prove his continuous residence upon
and cultivation of said land, viz: Wil-
liam Henderson, Columbus Benton,
John Harmon, Thomas R. White, all
of Bond, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 19285.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 10, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that the fol-
lowing-named settler has filed notice
of his intention to make final proof in
support of his claim, and that said
proof will be made before the Clerk of
the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala.,
on December 23, 1897, viz: Thomas R.
White, Homestead entry, No. 24,228,
for the N 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 6, Tp. 21
south of range 4 west.
He names the following witnesses to
prove his continuous residence upon
and cultivation of said land, viz: Wil-
liam Henderson, Columbus Benton,
John Harmon, Sidney W. Nicholas,
all of Bond, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 19284.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 15, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that the fol-
lowing-named settler has filed notice
of his intention to make final proof in
support of his claim, and that said
proof will be made before the Clerk of
the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala.,
on December 24, 1897, viz: Daniel D.
Draper, Homestead entry, No. 26,812,
for the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4,
W 1/2 of NW 1/4, Sec. 12, Tp. 20 south of
range 2 west.
He names the following witnesses to
prove his continuous residence upon
and cultivation of said land, viz: Jo-
seph M. Crenshaw, William L. Bentley,
Monroe Vick, Allen A. Ray, all of Len-
is, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
By virtue of an order issued from
the Circuit Court of Shelby County,
and to me directed, I will proceed to
sell, in front of the Court House, in the
town of Columbiana, on the 20th day
of December, 1897, within the legal
hours of sale, to the highest bidder,
for cash, the following described prop-
erty, to-wit:
One lot in the town of Vincent,
known as the Bilberry, Mill & Gin lot,
also the south east quarter of north
east quarter, of section 20, township
19, range 2 east, situated in Shelby
County, Ala.
Levied upon as the property of N.
C. Bilberry, to satisfy said F. F. in
my hands in favor of J. F. Pope & Co.
This 16th day of November, 1897.
E. F. VEST, Sheriff.

Notice No. 19342.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 29, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that the fol-
lowing-named settler has filed notice
of his intention to make final proof in
support of his claim, and that said
proof will be made before the Clerk of
the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala.,
on January 26th, 1898, viz: John F.
McDonald, Homestead entry, No. 25,
302, for the E 1/2 of NE 1/4, section 24,
township 20 south of range 1 west.
He names the following witnesses to
prove his continuous residence upon
and cultivation of said land, viz: Jo-
seph M. Crenshaw, William L. Bentley,
Monroe Vick, Allen A. Ray, all of Len-
is, Ala.
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SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know.
News From Different Beats.

Cashier H. C. DuBose, visited Calera Monday.

Mrs. Huyett visited friends at Ma-line last week.

Rufus Lester spent a short while in Wilsonville yesterday.

J. T. Leeper, Esq., spent several days in Anniston last week.

A large full bottle of snuff, for only 10 cents, at J. H. Hammond.

I. D. Mason returned Tuesday from North Alabama Conference.

A. P. Longshore, Esq., spent a short while in Talladega Tuesday.

Our Shelby correspondent arrived to late for last week's issue.

Call on S. Stark when in Shelby for cheap clothing and dry goods.

Dr. and Mrs. Boyer, of Wilsonville, spent Tuesday in the city with friends.

A lot of Fresh Cakes, just from the ovens, for sale by J. H. Hammond.

Miss Belle Barnett who has been quite sick is, we are glad to state, improving.

W. M. Rhodes and family have moved to Shelby, where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. Annie Burk, of Barton, Ala., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. DuBose.

Rev. W. I. Sinnott filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Rev. A. H. Adkins and family, of Gainsville, Ala., are visiting the family of E. B. Nelson.

James Adams, of the A. G. S., railroad, spent Friday and Saturday with relatives in the city.

S. Lefkowitz, of the Columbiana Mercantile company, spent several days in Bessemer this week.

David Spearman, of Fourmile, was in the city Tuesday, and while here dropped in to see us.

Miss Lillian Upshaw, of Talladega Springs, visited friends in the city several days last week.

Capt. John B. Randall, N. A. Graham and H. Fox, of Calera, ran up to see us a little while Monday.

Do not use any flour but the Roller King. Sold only by J. H. Hammond.

J. T. Porter of the Kingdom, has rented the Rhodes place, and will become a citizen of Columbiana.

I will have the biggest stock of Xmas goods ever before offered in Coontown.

J. H. Hammond.

Jasper Snyder, of Talladega, arrived in the city last Friday, and will probably remain in the city during the holidays.

One thousand more spoons to give away with goods sold for SPOT CASH, by J. H. Hammond.

County Supt. Eugene Williams met the board of education here Saturday. On account of the inclement weather, very few teachers met the board.

Wanted—Two Christmas turkeys in exchange for two subscriptions to The Advocate. We hope to get them early.

James Evans has sold his stock of goods, and accepted a position with the Columbiana Mercantile company, where he will be pleased to serve his many friends.

I am now receiving, and will in the near future, open up a full line of fall groceries, which I propose to sell for spot cash and give you a spoon.

J. H. Hammond.

Collector Robertson and Assessor Pitts filled their last appointment here Tuesday. After this week they will be in their office here every day, except Christmas day, till January 1st.

Will still sell for the SPOT CASH, 11 pounds of good coffee, "not paid stuff."

J. H. Hammond.

Just received a complete stock of children's, ladies' and gents shoes, cheaper than ever before. Call and be convinced. For cash only.

Johnston & Co.

I hereby thank the citizens of Columbiana and vicinity for their past liberal patronage, and hope by close attention to business to merit a continuance of their favors.

J. H. Hammond, Cash Grocer.

"Say, Bender, gimme chaw bacco."

"Here it am, Tatum."

"Say, lookie here, Bender, what kinder bacco is dis?"

"Why, dat am dat Red Apple you buy from J. H. Hammond, and it sho is good."

As will be seen by the proceedings of conference published in another column, Rev. S. N. Burns has been sent to this station and Rev. T. M. Wilson goes to Calera. Mr. Wilson has been on this circuit three years, and during that time has made many friends, who regret to see him leave.

"Shoot Luke or give up the gun."

Fire-crackers from the gun cracker to the cannon cracker, roman candles, torpedoes, rockets, in fact a general assortment. These goods were not bought "at the sheriff's sale of some old stock," but are fresh and new, and first class in every respect, and will be sold cheap for cash, and cash only, by J. H. Hammond.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. Editor—Please allow me space to tender my thanks to the many friends who so generously contributed to a purse to buy me a horse, upon the death of mine.

C. W. O'Hara.

Married

At the Baptist church in Wilsonville yesterday at 11 o'clock a. m., Miss Mattie Weldon to Mr. J. C. Jackson, Rev. Mr. Burns officiating. The contracting parties are well and favorably known in Shelby county, and their many friends wish for them a long and prosperous life.

The happy couple took the East bound Southern train for Georgia, where they will spend some time visiting relatives and friends.

Christmas Coods.

J. H. Hammond will sell you cheap, for cash, the following goods: Flour, meat, sugar, coffee, tobacco, soda, canned goods of all sorts, (fish, fruit and meats), matches by the millions, pickles, icing sugar, mince meat, nuts and fruits, and in fact, everything kept by a city grocer.

CHRISTMAS GOODS: Dolls from 2 inches to 3 feet high, candies, both stick and fancy, of every grade, tin, brass and musical toys, ladies and gentlemen toilet cases, photograph albums and vases and water sets in Bohemian glass.

HONOR ROLL

Of Wilsonville High School, for November, 1897.

Fourth Grade—Sammie Taylor. Fifth Grade—Willie Guin, Leon Pope, Bessie Nivins, Helen Boyer. Sixth Grade—Chas. Nivins. Seventh Grade—Rosa Graham. Eighth Grade—Purdie Holland, Purdie Pope, T. V. Neal.

To secure a place on the honor roll, the pupil must make at least 90 per cent. on each subject, and record of deportment be good.

C. A. Mathews, Principal.

HONOR ROLL

Of Columbiana Public School for Month Ending December 31st 1897.

First Grade—Dinnie Mae Rowe, Edie Barnett.

Third Grade—Charlie Templin.

Fourth Grade—William Nelson.

Fifth Grade—Lillian Nelson, Lillie Liles, Zemma Pitts, A. P. Longshore, Jr., Chester Browne, Kate DuBose.

Sixth Grade—Paul Liles, John Hammark, Pauline Nelson, Florence Spencer.

Seventh Grade—Bernard Finley, Georgia Thomas, Carrie Rowe, Myrtle Thompson, Allie Nelson, Lallage Longshore, Minnie McGibony, Mary Finley, Oza Hammond, Belle Cromwell.

Eighth Grade—Will Bird, John Mooney, Walter O'Hara, Will Weaver, Isaac Wood.

F. MYNATT, Principal.

AT THE CONFERENCE.

Indictment Against Rev. J. B. Andrews Found Defective—Report of Committees.

Special to The Age-Herald.

Florence, Dec. 4.—At this morning's session of the North Alabama conference the committee to try the case of John B. Andrews, reported that the indictment was defective, and asked permission to draft a new bill of specifications. This was granted and the same gentlemen appointed to continue the investigation.

The committee to report on preachers for superannuates reported the following names, which were placed on the list of ministers too old for active service: Revs. Speer, Goodby, Hearn, Wilson, Williams, Mason, Marks, Walker, Davis, Roberts, R. J. Wilson, M. E. Johnston, Supernumeraries, H. L. Booth and J. N. Dupree.

The following were reported for acceptance into full conference connection and after an address by Bishop Galloway were ordered admitted: Abernathy, Hope, Hendrix, Yoe, Morris, Fullerton, Crumpton and McGlawn.

Delegates were elected to the general conference as follows: Revs. West, Decatur; Newman, Birmingham; Dobbs, Tusculosa; Hosmer, Talladega. Lay delegates, Daniel Collier, M. N. Roe, Mason, and Legrant, of Birmingham.

The Sabbath observance committee reported resolutions condemning Sunday travel and excursion trains and will petition the legislature to enact a law forbidding the latter. The following are the appointments:

Talladega District—S. M. Hosmer, presiding elder. Talladega, V. O. Hawkins; Talladega circuit, C. L. Herring; Plantersville, W. E. Foust; Mumfords, H. S. Mathews; Sylacauga, W. O. Horton; Fayetteville, J. S. Chadwick; Columbiana, S. N. Burns; Wilsonville, J. C. Francis; Harpersville, T. P. Roberts; Coosa Valley, S. B. Johnston; Anniston, First church, J. F. Sturdivant; West Anniston mission, W. R. Hendrix; Glen Addie and Oxanna, R. E. Walton; Oxford, R. A. Timmons; Heflin, R. B. Baird; Jacksonville and White Plains, E. T. J. Brandon; Alexander, J. Warren.

Don't forget to bring us two Christmas turkeys in exchange for two subscriptions to The Advocate.

Vincent.

Ed. Florey visited the Magic city this week.

Little J. S. Pitts, Jr., is quite sick this week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. J. M. Kidd has opened up a nice lot of Xmas toys etc., which pleases the children.

We have had considerable rain lately, and the scarcity of water will be heard no more.

We are having two passenger trains each way now, making it very convenient for travelers.

W. D. Raley came down homelast Sunday. He is a jurymen in the United States court at Birmingham, and will probably be there for several weeks.

Miss Mattie Kidd, of Harpersville, visited friends here last Sunday.

We had no preaching Sunday, it being the Methodist appointment. The preacher is attending the annual conference.

Mrs. Self has been quite sick, but we are glad to know that she is improving.

Mr. Ben Davis, of St. Clair county, is moving to the Bell farm two miles below here.

A. D. Smith will move to St. Clair county, and occupy the house vacated by Mr. Davis.

Politics seems to be disturbing the minds of the leaders—"don't know who would be suitable men to run for the various offices." Look for men of sound judgment and honest convictions, and all will be well.

HONOR ROLL OF VINCENT FREE SCHOOL FOR MONTH ENDING DEC. 3, 1897.

Sixth Grade—Nellie Kidd, Gussie Lyde, Fannie Clements, Master Edgar Kidd.

Fifth Grade—Zada Davis, Opal Kidd, Ella Williams, Brindley Elliott.

Fourth Grade—Laura Elliott, Nannie Davis, Lillie Raley, May Chandler, Ethel Bilby.

Second Grade—Willie Elliott.

Fournille.

Health of community not good.

J. W. Powell spent Sunday at Vincent.

E. L. Crumpton was so unfortunate as to lose a fine cow last week.

B. B. Crumpton, of Harpersville, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Hugh Shaw, of near Weldon, was in this community Sunday.

Will Tinney, of Columbiana, was the guest of Miss Jennie Hadaway Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Taylor, who has been dangerously ill for several days, we are glad to state, is better at this writing.

J. B. Riddle continues to take music lessons at J. E. Jackson's.

There is some talk of having a Christmas tree at Fournille. We hope it will not be all talk.

E. B. Lyon and Miss Cora Roper, J. W. Spearman and sister Miss Nancy, attended services at Prospect Sunday. They reported a nice time.

W. A. Wilder was in our community again last week, buying cattle to take to Bessemer.

Speer Kyles, of Jackson's Mill, was down again Sunday to see his best girl.

The Center School, under the management of Prof. Crumpton, is still flourishing.

School Box.

Health very good.

Mrs. Carrie Johnson, of near Shelby, who has been suffering so long with lung trouble, died on the 21st inst. She was laid to rest in the Shelby cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Farmers are about done sowing wheat. They have sown more than enough.

Messrs. E. Lovett and Thos. R. Pinson are dwelling together under a roof about the same, with brotherly love and fraternal happiness.

Married—On Sunday the 21st inst., at the bride's parents, Miss Mary Merrell to Mr. Atcherson. We wish for them a happy life.

Mr. Richmond Merrell, of Spring Creek, is all smiles, it is a bouncing boy, who tips the beam at ten pounds.

Bates Browning, of near Farmer, has moved to a place near Calera.

Messrs. W. E. Merrell and Goodgame, of Talladega, were visiting friends and relatives on Spring Creek during last week. Call again gentlemen, we are always glad to see you.

William C. Merrell, of the Lone Star State, is in our midst visiting friends and relatives.

W. P. L.

Notice.

For the next 30 days only, plates made for \$10. Good fillings from \$1.50 up. Gold Crowns from \$3.00 to \$8.00. Porcelain Crowns from \$5.00 to \$8.00. Silver Fillings \$1. Call and see me.

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The best standard calicoes, such as Allen's Turkey red, American Indigo Blue and other high grades, 6 and 7 cents goods, we are selling now at	4 1/2	Ladies seamless hose, fast color, black and tan at	8
Solid oil calico, all colors, per yard	3 1/2	All silk Ribbons in all shades, 10 and 20 cents goods, as long as they are here we sell at	5
Ducking Buadles, per yard	90	400 Fine Laundered Negligee Shirts, now at	30
Silk vailings now	4	All Wool Pants at	\$1.25
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Fancy colored Rubber Balls	5	Many China Novelties, from 5 to 10 cents.	
Toy Watches at	5	Magnificent Silk Handkerchiefs at	15
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From Burke.

The long wished for rain has come at last, and brought a cold snap in the wind up.

The farmers of beat 8 are waking up to the fact that they can not eat biscuit bought with 5 cent cotton, and have sowed a large crop of wheat.

The fleecy staple of this community is nearly all ginned, and we expect to hear the signal whistle ere long.

Mrs. Mary Watson, who has been confined to her bed for quite a while with rheumatism, is convalescent.

Wm. Ray who has been quite sick, is some better.

Henry Lester, of the Wilsonville school, visited home folks last Sunday.

Willie Wingard, of near Wilsonville, visited friends last Sunday on Yellow Leaf.

Rufus Lester, of Columbiana, visited his mother's family last Sunday.

Will Parker, of Columbiana, visited friends or dear ones near Liberty last Sunday.

Miss Ida O'Hara who is teaching at K. Springs, has a good school.

Miss Lizzie Horton who is teaching the Florence school, has a good school of 36 enrolled pupils.

Two of the locations of township 20, range 1 west, have no winter schools. What a great blessing it might prove if the parents would realize the great importance of educating their children.

Rev. C. W. O'Hara preached quite an interesting sermon to a large audience at Liberty last Sunday.

REPUBLICAN.

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This is the sentence: "Once given the passion for—that one of the precious metals will be most in demand which is cheap."

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The only condition of the contest is that every guesser must be a subscriber; and taking advantage of The Constitution's offer we present this opportunity to all who wish to subscribe to both papers.

Every person should have his country paper and one great general newspaper; and The Weekly Constitution.

Call on Southern Railway agent for further information.

Something To Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at Hall Drug Co's Drug Store.

THE MISSING WORD.

The Atlanta Constitution's New Contest.

The Weekly Constitution, Atlanta, Ga., has announced its sixth consecutive missing word contest, commencing on the 1st of November and closing on the 1st of January, a period of about two months.

The book containing the missing word has been sealed up and placed in the hands of W. A. Hemphill, the pre-ident and business manager of the company. It is a standard publication and has probably been widely read throughout the south.

The amount offered in prizes is 10 per cent of the subscriptions received from contestants; there are about sixteen thousand subscribers expiring with The Constitution during November and December, and should all of these renew, the sum will be about \$1,600 to be divided. In addition to whatever the 10 per cent will make The Constitution offers \$100 cash to go to the first six correct guessers; \$50 for the first correct guess received and \$10 each for the next five that are correct, provided these are received before December 1st.

If only one person should name this missing word he would have a good sum.

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Notice No. 19355.

Notice for Publication.
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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on January 13, 1897, viz: Ambros J. Davis, Homestead entry No. 27,150, for the north half of north west quarter, north west quarter of north east quarter, Sec. 22, Tp. 20 south range 2 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph E. Gibson, Reuben T. Horton, Thomas A. Williams, all of Pelham, Ala., William C. Blackberry, of Columbiana, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 19356.

Back-Acting Excavator.
In an improved steam shovel or excavator the shovel instead of being thrust from the end of the machine in digging or taking up a load is moved toward the machine, which is thereby particularly well adapted for places where the surface to be removed is underlain by ground too soft to support the weight of the machine after the surface is removed, as the car can travel in advance of the work.

Last year, the only four States that produced asphaltum were California, Colorado, Texas and Utah. Indian Territory also contributed some.

News of the failure of the crop in a large part of the European wheat belt and also in Argentina and other parts of the South American wheat producing section is the first place of good fortune the American farmer has had for years. His season has been all that could be asked for and his yield is bountiful. One recognized European authority estimated the shortage a month ago at 144,000,000 bushels of wheat. Since then he has learned of the failure of the crop in Russia, India and Argentina, and has more than doubled his estimate.

Mammoth Gun Casting.
The largest gun casting ever made in this country was cast at the ordnance department of the Bethlehem Iron Company Thursday morning. The casting is for the tube of a sixteen-inch gun for the United States Government. It is nineteen feet six inches long, octagonal in shape and seventy-four inches in diameter.

More than 100 gross tons of metal were used in its manufacture. Three furnaces, two of forty tons' capacity each and one of twenty tons, were used to prepare the metal. In the casting, which is the first and largest of its kind ever made, was a success in every way. The jackets for the big gun will be cast later.—Washington Star.

Russia's New Purchase.
Russia has bought the Sebastopol ship-building yard for 1,900,000 rubles.

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It would be worth 50 cents. One hour's freedom from the terrible irritating itch of tetter is worth more than a whole box of Tetterine cream. It will cure—sure and it's the only thing that will cure. 50 cents at drug stores, or by mail from J. C. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

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THE FARM AND GARDEN.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ON AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

Watering Cows—Fresh Meat for Hens—Feeding Salt to Cattle—Supplementing Ensilage.—Etc., Etc.

WATERING COWS.

Now that cows are on dry feed care should be taken to give them plenty of water. As the weather becomes colder the water should be warmed. It requires a large amount of water in some shape to supply all the moisture that is evaporated from the body of the cow by breathing or through the skin, and also to provide for the milk supply. More cows are prematurely dried off through giving them water or water in insufficient quantities than through any other cause.

FRESH MEAT FOR HENS.

Hens do much better if they can get fresh meat through the winter and various firms prepare dried and ground meat for poultry food. In a good many sections there is always a supply on hand that can be used for this purpose. Rabbits are very common in a good many places and as feed for laying hens they are a success. On pound of meat three times a week for each 16 hens is a fair ration and almost any farmer's boy could supply this much rabbit meat regularly the whole winter through.—Farmer's Voice.

FEEDING SALT TO CATTLE.

"It has been fully demonstrated," says Captain C. Adams, manager of the Superior, Nebraska Cattle Company, "that it is poor policy to feed cattle salt that you are trying to fatten for the market." Mr. Adams tried the experiment by actual tests. He put so many head in one field, and fed them freely of salt; and an equal number in another field, and gave them no salt. The cattle without salt put on flesh more rapidly and were ready for market several days ahead of the other bunch which had been freely salted. After several tests, the cattle firm have decided not to feed salt lavishly, if any, in the future.

SUPPLEMENTING ENSILAGE.

There are all kinds of ensilage, varying, of course, with the material put into the silo. There is no magic in the silo to add to the nutrition of what is put into it, though it may add to the nutritive value by making it more digestible. Much of the ensilage from corn fodder is deficient in nitrogenous forms of nutrition. It needs to be supplemented, not necessarily with richer ensilage, but preferably with dry food. Instead of trying to ensilage clover, which is difficult because it heats so rapidly, it is better to cure it and feed three to five pounds of good clover hay to all animals whose ration is corn ensilage. If clover cannot be had, use wheat bran or oats. Both linseed meal and cotton-seed meal may be given with good results to animals fed on corn ensilage. If possible some straw or hay should be given with these to increase their bulk and prevent them from compacting in the stomach. Corn is not a good supplement to corn ensilage, as it also is largely carbonaceous. But corn and oats ground together and fed with cut hay or straw make a very good supplementary food.

A SKIM MILK STARTER.

A Pennsylvania correspondent asks how to prepare, and use, a skim milk starter for ripening cream.

If you use skim milk for a starter you must be certain that it has the right flavor to begin with, or else you will propagate the bad flavor that the skim milk has.

Some parties recommend pasteurizing the skim milk every day for a starter, but if you do you will have to keep it for forty-eight hours before using, to give it time to ripen. But if your skim milk has a good flavor pasteurizing it is not necessary.

I use a skim milk starter and do not pasteurize it, but catch five gallons of the skim milk as it comes out of the separator, in a clean can every day, to be used for the next day's starter.

As soon as I can do so, after I get the separators started in the morning, I get the can of skim milk and skim from one to two inches off the top of the milk, which will take off all impurities if it has any, and strain the balance into the cream vat and stir it into the cream every time I go near the cream vat during the day.

Scald and steam out your milk can, all it up with skimmilk and leave it ready for the next day's starter, and if you keep everything about the premises clean you will have no trouble in having fine flavored butter, provided your milk is all right to begin with. But you cannot make fine butter out of bad flavored milk, and if your butter is not right in flavor, you must begin at the fountain head, and have fine flavored milk to work with.—G. B. Lawson, in New York Produce Review.

HORSE BREEDING AND CARE.

Professor I. P. Roberts, in a talk to the agricultural students in Cornell University, recently said:

"In breeding horses don't try to breed the largest—their limbs give out and they all go wrong. A 2,000-pound draught horse will bring twice as much as one of 1,300 pounds, but is very hard to breed. Never get overstocked with horses, keeping twenty to forty, when eight or ten are enough for your land. Remember that half the success in farming lies in the business part of it. If you lack in business sense you will probably be a financial failure."

"Have a plan in your breeding. There is as much in having the right kind of a horse in the right place as in the hired man. If you love horses, breed coach horses. If not, breed draught horses which are easy to break and train. Roadsters come from the trotting class of horses. The hackney naturally belongs to the truck farm, and every farmer ought in a way to be a trucker. Low horses, and even ponies, are good for orchard cultivation. It is quite possible, by scientific feeding, to make horses grow large and tall, or the reverse."

"One successful horse-raiser I know feeds plenty of bone meal to give his horses fine, bony structure. Then land has much to do with their fine quality. The little city of Lexington,

Kentucky, sells annually in her streets \$2,000,000 worth of horses. The blue-grass country produces horses because of the phosphates in the soil. In caring for horses remember that the farm horse doesn't want his skin made too sensitive by over-curing. He perspires freely. What he does need is to have his feet and legs taken care of. Put your chief care upon him at night, after his day's work is done. Clean out his feet thoroughly, leaving no mud to dry in. He gets rheumatism from it. You only need simple tools to work with: first an old broom, and finish off with a whip of straw, rubbing legs and feet well, hard and quick. Cut off the fetlock if you like; the feet without it will dry off more quickly. To keep the horse clean and free from dust, a light blanket of cotton or jute costs less than the time for cleaning. Then, too, the blanket keeps the hair straight and helps to keep it from growing. Never blanket a horse in the stable while he is warm unless you give him a dry blanket shortly after.

ABOUT MATING BREEDING FOWLS.

I would advise those who are hesitating on making selections for their breeding pens meanwhile to spend more time in their poultryhouses studying and contriving how to mate them, and the result will be more certain and satisfactory in the end.

The question of mating their breeding fowls for the best average results will soon engage the attention of breeders who have not been timely in this respect. The delight of the amateur is to get possession of a pair of well-matched, parti-colored birds, with which he starts a brood or two of chicks that he anticipates must come like the parents, because the old fowls possess the same even hue in plumage and markings, accurately formed, and their general characteristics are so similar and clearly defined in themselves.

It is this one difficulty more than anything else that puzzles the amateur and proves a bar to his experiment with such birds, when the result of such mating brings him progeny unlike in plumage and markings the sire and dams. The cause remains a mystery until his own experience gives him the clew, or until he learns from the suggestions of older practitioners. Then it occurs to him that to produce in the progeny from any variety of parti-colored fowls, such as the light and dark Brahmas, Partridge Cochins, Plymouth Rocks or Wyandottes noticeably, the same even lines of plumage and markings that is possessed by certain chosen sires and dams, they must be judiciously mated when he buys them, and the same when he selects a breeding pen from his own stock. Matching in color of any of these varieties for the showman is not strictly what skillful fanciers might consider judicious mating for the breeding pen, and if one hopes for good results from such mating he will be disappointed.—C., in Country Gentleman.

MANURING FOR FRUIT.

Part of the difficulty in modern fruit growing is, doubtless, due to the fact that all the best land has had its mineral plant food exhausted by continuous cropping. The manure used for most farm crops is too largely nitrogenous. This stimulates large growth of leaf and straw; but so long as a good grain crop can be produced, it does not supply enough either of potash or phosphates. Hence there is constant depletion in these mineral fertilizers. Finally, the times comes when the soil, depleted of its mineral fertility, will no longer produce grain. Then it is that the farmer bethinks himself of planting an orchard. He knows that something is the matter with his land, and therefore manures it heavily with stable manure, which is always nitrogenous, and contains very little mineral food.

This is all wrong. As a rule, our cultivated fields are rich enough to make all the wood and leaf growth required. Adding more makes the tree run to wood, and postpones the time when fruit growing can begin. There should be no stable manure applied to young orchards. The cultivation which young trees require will set free more than enough nitrogen to stimulate growth. This is of itself will postpone fruit bearing three or four years.

By that time so much wood growth will be formed that the root cannot supply it with sap enough to extend growth in all directions. If trees are not stimulated with nitrogenous manures or by cultivation they begin to bear very early. Peach trees in California bear the third year from the bud. They would do so here if manured only with mineral fertilizers. Apple and standard pear trees ought to begin bearing five to seven years after planting. Dwarf trees, with of course bear still earlier than this, as their dependence on quince roots checks the supply of sap.

After trees are once in full bearing some stable manure may be applied. But in any case it should always be accompanied with enough potash and phosphate to make the crop. Bearing trees are bent down by their load of fruit, and this induces the formation of fruit buds, as the branches bent down do not carry sap so freely to their extremities as when they stand upright. In fact, bending down the branches of a non-bearing tree and keeping them tied down during the growing season, will almost always bring plenty of blossoms on such branches next year. If the fruit does not set or falls off after setting, the lack of mineral fertilizers may be pretty safely set down as the cause of failure.—Boston Cultivator.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

The flavor of milk depends largely upon what goes down the cow's throat. The improved stock breeder finds his best profit in the very best animals he raises.

Clean up all about the farm; noxious insects hibernate in trash.

Be sure that the fodder is thoroughly dry before shredding and storing it in bulk.

The cherry reaches its highest development in a light, rather dry and loamy soil, one that is retentive of moisture, but which never sours.

The loss to farmers from poor seed is greater than most men realize; suppose we plan to avoid this loss by arranging for good seed for next year's planting.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

According to the latest German colonial budget, every dollar's worth of colonial trade costs Germany 75 cents, and every colonial settler costs the empire \$1,000 a year. At that rate a great colonial empire will be a costly thing.

Germany and Spain are now connected by a submarine cable 1,250 miles long, the ends of which are at Emden and Vigo. It is the first link in a series of lines to be extended to Brazil and to the United States by way of the Azores.

A learned scientist says that the whole human body is full of microbes, and that a person is healthy as long as his microbes are in good condition. The question now is, What can a fellow take that will always be good for his microbes?

A county fair in Maine was slimly attended for the reason that it didn't advertise. The reason would have been different if the management had used a column in each county paper for the three weeks preceding the fair to herald its attractions.

Picture dealers say there has been in recent years an increased demand for pictures of a patriotic character. There has, for example, an increased demand for pictures of Washington. The revival of patriotic feeling thus indicated be attributed largely to the growth and influence of patriotic societies.

An English paper tells of a clergyman who had two curates, with the older of whom he was at swords' points. On being appointed to another living, he decided to take with him the younger curate, whom he liked, and when he came to preach his farewell sermon he chose as his text, "Abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder and worship."

Newspapers may soon be used in the Kansas City public schools as textbooks. At the regular meeting of the local school board, J. M. Greenwood, superintendent of schools, instructed the principals to keep up an interest in current events and to encourage the reading of good newspapers. "I will introduce a system whereby newspapers will be used as text-books a little later," said Mr. Greenwood to a reporter. "I am getting the teachers prepared for it now."

The National Congress of German Journalists and Writers has just met in convention at Leipzig, and has formulated a protest against the methods of punishing editors, which existing statutes prescribe. They are put on a par with thieves and murderers, and are kept in chains and dungeons, and are fed on the same food as common criminals. It is no wonder that they petition the Reichstag to abate the rigor of these ordinances, though what will come of their petition remains to be seen.

In order that wide-spread measures may be taken to prevent the recurrence of the terrible disaster at the charity bazaar in Paris, it is proposed to hold an international congress of experts in that city, together with an exhibition of fire-extinguishing apparatus, etc., the scientific discussions being accompanied by practical illustrations. Makers of fire-engines are invited to send exhibits, and architects, engineers, inventors and others are asked to forward plans or designs for safeguarding theatres, concert-rooms and other buildings.

Has it ever occurred to you, inquires The Pathfinder, to what a large extent the various members of the human body have suggested the nomenclature of the mechanical arts? A bicycle alone has a neck, head, backbone, etc. Other machines of various kinds have arms, legs, fingers, hands, wrists, elbows, eyes, ears, noses, cheeks, mouths, teeth, tongues, lips, ribs, eyes, feet, etc. There is nothing more natural or logical than to apply the name of a familiar feature of the human body to a mechanical part closely simulating it in form or function.

A French sculptor, Pierre Roche, has invented an ingenious way of producing saw statues that will not melt. He noticed that in ice-making machines the pipes containing the liquidified gases were covered with snow, and applied the same principles to copper statues made hollow and filled with freezing fluid. The moisture from the atmosphere forms on the metal in a few moments as a coating of snow, and is prevented from thawing by the freezing mixture. Many exquisite effects can be obtained in this way, and for the decoration of ball-rooms on a midsummer night the snow statues must be ideal.

A sensation has been created by the discovery that both the Austrian and Italian governments are busy day and night constructing the most costly and elaborate fortifications in the kingdom where the empire and the kingdom meet in the Southern Tyrol and in the neighborhood of Pontebba. This, it would appear, means that neither at Vienna nor at Rome is there much confidence on the part of the authorities in the extension of the existing Triple Alliance, since allies do not, as a rule, consider it necessary to adopt such means of defending their dominions against one another. There are no fortifications of any kind along the frontier of Germany and Austria. Why should there be any on the Austro-Italian boundary line?

It is quite astonishing how many games were originally invented and are to-day practised by people we are accustomed to think of as savages. The Canadian game of lacrosse, originated among the North American Indians. Wallace tells us how in Borneo one wet day he thought to amuse his Dyak boys by showing them cat's cradle, but he found that they not only knew it, but knew more intricate figures than he. The Maoris of New Zealand actually have a sort of pictorial history in cat's cradle figures of twisted fiber. The Sandwich Islanders play a kind of draughts. The South Sea peoples nearly all are adepts at kite flying. Polo comes from Persia and is played magnificently by wild hill tribes from northern India.

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A German statistician has recently compiled figures as to the total number of newspapers printed during a year, which he estimates at 12,000,000,000 copies. To gather an adequate idea of this enormous quantity, it might be stated that all these papers spread out would more than cover all the continents and islands of the earth. The weight of the paper would amount to 781,240 tons. If this entire edition were to be printed by one single press, the largest and most rapid one now in use, the total edition would take 333 years to print. Stacked up vertically, this quantity would form a column 260,000 feet in height. Suppose that every reader devoted but five minutes per day to the reading of his newspaper, the time used by the total population of the earth would amount to 100,000 years.

The tiny but venerable and free republic of San Marino, in northern Italy, has come out of a diplomatic contest with Italy victoriously. The question related to a new treaty in which Italy badly wanted to insert clauses providing for the extradition of socialists, anarchists and others, whose crimes, for want of a better name, may be classed as political. The presidents and senators strongly objected, on the ground that for something like 900 years San Marino had been free to all well-behaved comers. The Italian government pointed out that, as San Marino was only twenty-four square miles large, and surrounded by Italian territory, it might almost certainly have become an asylum for all kinds of desperadoes, who would abuse the republic's hospitality by plotting against the neighboring friendly state. The presidents and senators replied that San Marino would know how to deal with such intruders.

HOW SOME PEOPLE LIVE.
Queer Ways of Eking Out Insufficient Regular Incomes.
In the struggle for life, which is so keen at this end of the century, some people resort to strange expedients to get bread and cheese or to increase a pittance to a comfortable income. Inspector Livingstone, who was formerly in charge of the police at the Law Courts, tells a tragic story of a poor and briefless barrister who fought a long and grim battle with fate, and was beaten in the end. In the early days of the morning he worked as a market porter at Covent Garden, and then at 10 o'clock adjourned to his chambers in the Temple, donned wig and gown, and attended the courts, waiting day after day to grasp the skirts of happy chance. Others as unknown to the world and friendless as he had their opportunity, but none ever deferred his race was run.

A rising author who is now sought by the publishers, but had a particularly hard struggle to find acceptance, told over the worst period by acting as a broker's man. Taken as a whole, he found it a most unpleasant experience, but he declares that he wouldn't have missed it for the world, for it has supplied him with material for numbers of sketches and short stories. A Christmas story which brought him a lot of praise, for instance, was a chapter from that experience, and well deserved the eulogium of "very realistic" from the critics.

A friend of the writer, who rejoices in what the police reports call "very aristocratic appearance," and has in addition excellent manners, adds enough to a slender income to pay for the summer holiday for himself and family, his tailor's and bootmaker's bills, and even his rent, by acting as a private detective at balls and receptions in Belgrave and Mayfair. Chance threw him in contact with the manager of a detective agency which does a great deal of business of this kind, and his first job was, in fact, simply as a night's diversion at the invitation of the manager aforesaid. But so pleased was the lady of the house with his appearance and obliging courtesy that she made special mention of it to the manager, who accordingly proposed to my friend that he should accept regular paid employment. He was nothing loath, and now has engagements almost every night during the season.

Another curious case is that of a Nonconformist minister in the south of London who doubles his slender salary by the profits of a flourishing photography business on the other side of the Thames. Originally he took up photography as a pastime, but acquiring considerable skill in the work, was pestered by people who wanted to get their portraits taken on the cheap. So he determined to gain instead of lose by his work, and taking convenient rooms at some distance from the scene of his ministerial labors, set up as a "photographic artist" under another name, his daughter acting as his assistant. Fortune favored him, and before the secret of his constant absence from home was fathomed by the curious of his flock he had made so promising a business that he stood in no awe of deacons or church, though, indeed, the former have taken a very sensible view of the matter and admire rather than condemn his enterprise.—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

Anecdote of Dana.
Once, when the late Editor Dana was on a visit to Atlanta he made the rounds of the "Constitution" office. In one of the editorial rooms he had to wade through a sea of discarded exchanges. Some apology was made for the littered condition of the room. "I like to see it," he said, looking down on the scattered exchanges, "for it looks like business, and it means that work has been done. Keep it up, boys, keep it up!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Hollow billiard balls of steel are being made in Europe by a secret process.

Georgia Poetry.
A Georgia farmer has a son who writes verse, but is too modest to submit it for publication. One day, when the farmer was going to town, he took a bundle of poems along with him and handed them to an editor. "They're pretty fair," said the editor. "His rhyme is all right, but there's something wrong with his feet."

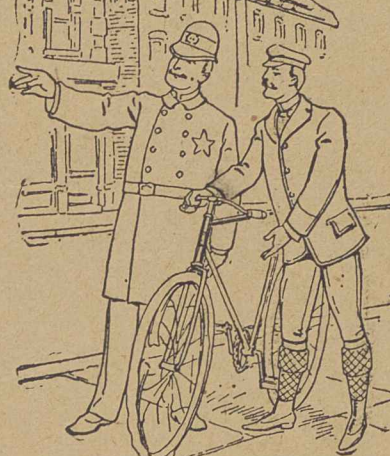
"Well," said the farmer, "I won't deny it; he has got corns."

Washington Post: When a bank is wrecked hundreds of innocent persons are affected, many of them ruined. Suicides often follow, the savings of years are lost, the inheritance of widows and children is dissipated and the villain who is responsible for these disasters gets a few years in the penitentiary and is then pardoned and put into position to prey on the public again. The pleadings of influential citizens, or of a loving and persistent wife or daughter, will effect a pardon and the criminal walks the streets a free man. Such men are far more dangerous to a community than a known robber, and deserves less consideration.

Omaha Bee: The price of live stock has advanced 3/4 of a cent a pound within the last few months. The retail price of beef has been raised from 2 to 6 cents a pound. If anybody can explain why this discrepancy in price exists the people of Omaha would like to hear from him.

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A man in Paris finds a profitable business in collecting bad debts by stopping at the debtor's with a wagon, around the top of which are these words: "This buggy only stops in front of the houses of people who will not pay their debts." Everybody, and particularly business people, dread this man's buggy so much that they pay promptly.

The editor of the Murfreesboro (Tenn.) News thus accounts for hard times: "We let our timber rot and buy fencing. We throw away our ashes and grease, and buy soap; we raise dogs and buy hogs; we raise weeds and buy vegetables; we catch five-cent fish with four-dollar rods; we build school houses and send our children off to be educated, and, lastly, we send our boys out with a forty-dollar gun and a ten-dollar dog to hunt ten-cent birds."

There are over 450,000 miles of railway in operation in the world, and, according to Robert P. Porter, the century will close with over 500,000. Of the present number, just about one-half are in this country. The cost of railroads all over the world, thus far, has been \$36,685,000,000, and it is estimated that the street railways cost \$2,500,000,000. The railroads employ almost 5,000,000 people. These are big figures, but the railroads represent a vast interest in the world's wealth.

Ordinarily people in Canada do not take sufficient interest in their politics or politicians to want to kill any of the latter. Since Thomas D'Arcy McGee was assassinated, about thirty years ago, nobody appears to have cared enough about any Canadian statesman to expend any powder on him. Premier Sir Wilfrid Laurier, therefore, who has just been fired at, ought to feel complimented. "Happy man," exclaimed old Dr. Arbuthnot to a patient dying with a peculiar malady, "you have revived a disease which has been dead six centuries."

In the opinion of the Philadelphia Press expert testimony of all sorts in our courts has become disgraceful. The law in many States has now recognized the necessity of paying more than the ordinary witness fees to experts, so that there is a pecuniary recognition of its value. The three experts in the Barbieri trial in New York received from the county \$7250. The fees given experts yearly in any one of our large cities would probably pay twice over the annual salary of permanent experts, but at present there is nothing permanent about an expert but his fee.

In his recent address before the English Church Congress, the Archbishop of Canterbury gave some advice to workmen, speaking as a workman himself. He had been left fatherless, he said, at the age of thirteen, and had been obliged to earn his own living since he was seventeen. He had known what it was to do without a fire, because he could not afford it, and to wear patched clothes and boots. He learned to plow as straight as furrow as any man in the parish, and he could thrash as well as any man. If, he added, the workman would practice self-restraint, would never waste his wages in drink, but find happiness in the love of home and family, he would find little of the burdens of life or of the inequality which was inevitable.

A French statistician has recently drawn up a very interesting document showing in what time certain frontier towns at various periods could be reached from Paris. For conventional purposes the statistician has chosen the years 1650, 1782, 1834, 1854 and 1897. In 1650 it took five days to go from Paris to Calais. One hundred and thirty-seven years later, 1782, the duration of the journey had been reduced to sixty hours. In 1834 it had fallen to twenty-eight hours, and in 1854 to six hours and forty minutes. To-day one of the boat expresses takes three hours and forty-two minutes. The journey to Strasburg took 218 hours in 1650, 108 hours in 1782, ten hours and forty minutes in 1854, and to-day a matter of eight hours and twenty minutes. The difference for Marseilles is still more phenomenal. From fifteen days in 1650 the duration of the journey was reduced to eighty hours in 1834, and to-day it takes twelve and a half hours. The distance from Paris to Bayonne two centuries ago took 388 hours; to-day it occupies eleven hours and eleven minutes. Brest can be reached in thirteen hours and thirty-seven minutes, while in 1650 it took 270 hours. Finally for Havre, ninety-seven hours was considered quick traveling in 1650. It took fifteen hours in 1782 and seven hours in 1834. To-day it is a matter of three hours and fifteen minutes.

NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Carefully Collated in Brief and Pointed Paragraphs.

ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF THE SULTAN.

Wire Nail Trust in Course of Formation. Wheat Takes an Upward Jump—Monster Petition Presented Against Hawaiian Annexation.

Judge Asa W. Tenny, of the United States district court, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday.

The Mexican officials and private citizens will give Mr. Bryan a hearty welcome to Mexico City.

A crowd of about five thousand people witnessed the hanging of Jim Glover and Sam Fields at Troy Friday.

Chairman H. H. Hanna, of the monetary commission, has sent to the bankers of the country 10,000 circular letters.

Mrs. John Harris, about 60 years of age, committed suicide near Rock-bridge, Tenn., by hanging herself in the barn.

Senator Hoar presented a monster petition to congress, signed by 21,269 people. It was in opposition to the annexation of Hawaii.

It is estimated that \$150,000,000 may be required by the government to meet the pension roll, or \$32,000,000 more than the estimated receipts of customs.

Spanish soldiers found 500 boxes of ammunition in a creek bed in the Cuban brush. This was part of a lot landed in September by Joseph Capero and others.

At Chicago, amid considerable excitement, December wheat sold Thursday at \$1.09, the highest price with one exception since the memorable "Old Huteh" corner in 1888.

A case of smallpox has developed in Rock Hill, S. C., where there are 450 young women from all over the state attending Winthrop college, and considerable anxiety is felt.

The indications are that the holiday recess of congress will extend from Saturday, December 18, to Monday or Tuesday, January 3 or 4. Speaker Reed, it is understood, favors these dates.

A meeting of manufacturers of wire nails held in New York may have important results. It was held in defiance of a plan to consolidate the interests in the line named throughout the country. The interests involved are said to aggregate \$50,000,000.

At San Francisco Thursday the supreme court dispelled the last hope of W. H. T. Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, by disposing in a summary manner of his appeal, remanding the case to the superior court with instructions to proceed according to law.

Monday last two soldiers in the imperial service at the Yildiz Kiosk, the palace of the sultan, made an attempt on the life of the sultan. This was frustrated by the attendants of the sultan. The sultan had the men tortured in the hope of extorting the names of instigators, but both succumbed without revealing anything.

A sensational statement comes from Paris, the substance of which is that the Dreyfus agitation is the outcome of an international plot to divert France's attention from events abroad, a thing that an international syndicate with this object in view, backed by foreign gold, commenced operations in Belgium and developed them in Germany.

Evidence of a startling nature, which indicates that a murder has been committed somewhere between Chicago and Denver, on the Chicago and Alton railway, was found Friday on top of the front trucks of a Pullman sleeping car shortly after its arrival in Chicago. It was a human foot, apparently that of a man, and a long, slender spike penetrated the large toe.

General Paul Vandervoort, one of the promoters of the G. A. R. colony in Texas, writes from Bemings Bridge, Tex., that he has closed a deal with John E. and "Shanghai" Pierce, the cattle kings, for land for a colony, and at least 1,000 colonists will move immediately after the beginning of the new year. The undertaking is fashioned after that of Fitzgerald, Ga.

The practice of young women marrying old soldiers to become eligible for widows' pensions after their death is condemned by the department, and a bill will be asked for prohibiting the payment of pension to any widow who marries a soldier after the passage of the proposed law, excepting soldiers now in service.

One of the largest blocks of marble ever quarried in the Knoxville, Tenn., district has just been gotten out at the quarry of John M. Ross, three miles southeast of that city. It has been several months since work was first begun on the job. The block weighs 33,650 pounds. It is to be used at Boston, Mass., for a monument.

John Brant, colored, for thirty years an expert quarryman, was blown to atoms today in the powder house of a quarry near Columbia, S. C., by the explosion of 125 pounds of dynamite.

At Amite City, La., Joseph A. Reed, Esq., was murdered by four assassins at Franklin last Friday. Mr. Reed had just finished his argument in a case that had attracted much attention, and had left the court house and stepped from the building when two men opened fire on him, and were joined immediately by four others, and the fourth shot did the deed.

DEFY THE LAW.

Arkansas Miners Said To Be Entrenched in Their Shafts.

The report is received from Jenny Lind, Sebastian county, Ark., that the miners at Bonanza have acknowledged their participation in the lynching of Constable Murray.

It is said they have sent word to Sebastian officers that if they wanted to arrest any of their number to come down into the shafts of the mines and get all they wanted. They are well supplied with dynamite, and it is known that their purpose is to blow up the mine if an effort is made to apprehend them.

The mine is surrounded by a strong posse, the sheriff being in command. He says he will force them to capitulate, even if he has to fire the mine. There are about 300 miners said to have had a hand in the lynching, and bloodshed is expected to follow the apprehension of the culprits.

REBELS CAPTURE A TOWN.

Several Spanish Guerillas Have Joined the Insurgents.

It has been officially announced from Spanish headquarters in Havana that a "group of rebels" had entered Caimanera, near Guantanamo "favored by the treason of an officer." Caimanera, in the port of Guantanamo, is situated fifteen miles by rail from the latter place. Caimanera is on the bay of Guantanamo, otherwise Cumberland harbor.

The insurgent force, the official report adds, consisted of forty guerrillas, volunteers and natives of Cuba. They are alleged to have plundered a store and to have carried off the sum of \$80,000, that was on a wharf, and which had recently arrived at Caimanera from Havana. It is also said that the insurgents killed the police inspectors and two gendarmes on duty and seriously wounded a Spanish paymaster named Jose Vigil. More Spanish guerrillas, the official announcement concludes, have joined the insurgents.

RIVERA RELEASED

From Cabanas Fortress—Skirmishes Result in Heavy Loss for Insurgents.

General Rivera, the insurgent leader who was captured in March last in the province of Pinar del Rio by the Spanish troops under General Hernandez de Vasquez, and who was recently pardoned by a royal decree, has been released from Cabanas Fortress, where he had been imprisoned for several months, and has sailed by the steamer Colon for Cadiz, his home.

In the skirmishing of the last ten days the insurgents have lost 113 killed and 75 taken prisoners. Eight chiefs and officers and 53 armed privates have surrendered to the Spanish. The Spanish column in the same period has lost five officers and twenty-two soldiers killed, with eleven officers and 110 soldiers wounded.

SAGASTA'S WARNING.

Premier on Possible Intervention by the United States.

At a cabinet council held in Madrid, the queen regent presiding, the premier, Senor Sagasta, outlined the opinions of the European press regarding President McKinley's message to congress, the majority of which, the premier said, were favorable to Spain. He further declared that in the event of the United States wishing to intervene in Cuba, it would find the government prepared to defend the rights and honor of Spain. As to the military operations in Cuba, the premier informed the cabinet that the results obtained were satisfactory. The premier also said he did not attach much importance to "the attitude of certain senators."

OUTLAW KILLS THREE OFFICERS.

With Fatal Wounds in His Body Road Agent Gives Desperate Battle.

News has just been received of a desperate fight that occurred near the border of Arizona and old Mexico. Three guards of the Mexican service and one desperado were killed. The latter was Frank C. Phallard, one of Black Jack's gang and an outlaw from Texas, whose two brothers were killed while members of Billy the Kid's gang.

The two forces met face to face at a turn in the railroad near Leander Springs. There were eight outlaws against three officers, but the latter opened the attack with orders for "hands up." Two of the outlaws turned their horses for the hills, but Phallard dismounted, and drawing his Winchester, opened fire and killed the three officers before he fell with a fatal wound in his side.

An Unique Invention.

A slab of quartz, with veins of gold prominently showing, will convey California's invitation to President McKinley to attend, on January 24, the golden jubilee of the discovery of gold. Chairman Parsons, of the executive committee, has promised to secure a suitable piece of the precious rock, and will have engraved on its leader message which will bid the president to come to California to receive the miners' welcome.

Cuban Cattle Buyers in Texas.

Cuban buyers are everywhere in the section around San Antonio, Texas, perfecting arrangements for supplying their cattle trade, which will take from 15,000 to 20,000 head per month for a long time to come.

San Antonio will be made the purchasing center, and shipments will be via New Orleans, Galveston and Tampico. Many of the cattle now being fed for the northern markets will be diverted to this trade.

HEAVY BUSINESS EXPECTED.

Advance in Prices Generally Attributed to Manipulation.

MEETING OF CONGRESS HAD NO EFFECT.

Railroad Earnings Are Much Larger Than a Year Ago—Exports of Wheat and Corn Continue Enormous—Demand for Wool Improved.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

The opening of congress, with the annual message and reports, have not discouraged business, as some predicted, but all speculative markets are stronger than a week ago.

The productive industries, even in the season usually about the dullness of the year as to new orders, met a definite improvement in demand for products presumably the fruit of a prevailing conviction that new business will begin to crowd the works after the new year starts.

The sudden rise in December wheat at Chicago to \$1.09 would do harm were it not based on avowed contracts to ship some millions of bushels to Europe. That fact, and the continued foreign demand in spite of such contracts, has helped a rise of 14 cents here.

Western receipts for the week were 5,578,771 bushels, against 3,691,374 last year, and Atlantic exports (including flour) 4,312,137, against 2,975,651 last year, and so great is the foreign shortage that the output of corn last year, far greater than ever before, is again exceeded—5,313,086 for the week, against 3,088,357 a year ago, with the price nearly 1 cent higher for the week.

Cotton is a sixteenth stronger in spite of estimates ranging from 10,100,000 to 11,000,000 bales by well known authorities.

A strike in English mills is no longer threatened and the possibility of one at Fall River has little weight.

The demand for woolen goods has clearly improved. While some grades have been sold largely at prices lower than a month ago, quotations are generally maintained.

There is more demand for iron and steel products in preparation for railway work, bridges and buildings next year, and on contracts call for 25,000 tons, and Chicago works are figuring on numerous contracts for 5,000 railway cars.

The formation of the American Steel and Wire company is expected to strengthen prices and cause much buying.

While Bessemer at \$10 and Grey Forge at \$9.15 are slightly lower at Pittsburgh, prices are stronger at Chicago, and in all quarters heavy business is expected after the new year.

Failures for the week have been 312 in the United States, against 380 last year.

THE DEMOCRATS TO CAUCUS.

Will Have Four Important Matters to Discuss When It Meets.

Chairman Richardson, of the democratic caucus, Friday issued a call for a caucus of democratic members and delegates of the house of representatives on Tuesday evening next.

The caucus will consider the four subjects of Cuba, Hawaii, finance and bankruptcy, these subjects being specified in the call. As to the action on these a pretty general understanding has been reached among democratic leaders.

On the question of Cuba the sentiment is pretty unanimous for a resolution recognizing Cuban belligerency, and the caucus is likely to give expression to this sentiment.

On the subject of finance the caucus will probably take a position against the several plans of financial reforms reported by Secretary Gage.

There is no present purpose to consider the silver question, as that is not at issue in the scheme contemplated by the republican party. Opposition to the bankruptcy bill is also contemplated by the caucus.

On the question of Hawaiian annexation it is stated by those who have canvassed the feeling on the democratic side that it is generally against annexation either by treaty or legislation.

CHATTANOOGA CONFEDERATES.

Belonging to Forest Camp, Resolve in Behalf of Cuba.

At the meeting of the chamber of commerce of Chattanooga, Colonel Tomlinson Fort, commander of the N. B. Forrest Camp, Confederate veterans, offered a resolution asking congress to take steps to at once compel Spain to declare the war in Cuba at an end, and in the event Spain refuses to do so, to declare the republic of Cuba a free and independent nation of the world. The presentation of the resolution was greeted with terrific applause.

Mother and Four Children Murdered.

One of the most atrocious and inhuman murders on record in the South was committed last week in the town of Simpson county, Mississippi. Brown Smith, a farmer, left his family at his home in the country to go to town for shopping purposes. When he returned he found his wife and five children weltering in blood and apparently all dead. The youngest child, 5 years old, regained consciousness, and told the story of the horrible crime, and a posse immediately set out to capture the murderer.

ALABAMA GLEANINGS.

Pertinent Paragraphs of the Late News of the State.

Madison Breaks a Record of Several Years

After a session of nearly four weeks the Madison county grand jury reported to the circuit court and adjourned Friday. The record of several years was broken, 205 true bills being returned.

Accidents to Employes.

The whole number of railroad employes in Alabama is 14,925. The injuries resulting in death to employes during the present year were 45, as against 34 the preceding year; and accidents not fatal were 781, against 706 last year—an increase of 11 deaths and 75 injuries.

Death of a Confederate Captain.

Rev. J. P. Nall died the past week in Birmingham of cancer, aged 65. The deceased was a native of South Alabama, and during the war was Captain of Company A, Thirty-ninth Alabama Regiment. He was a gallant soldier and lost an arm at the battle of Resaca May 15, 1864.

Masons Dedicate Temple.

The Alabama grand lodge of Masons, in session at Montgomery, placed, with impressive pomp and ceremony, the corner stone of their proposed imposing temple Friday. The temple will be an exceedingly handsome affair. It will be constructed of brick and stone and will cost when completed about \$50,000.

Artificial Butten Question.

The Alabama Dairymen's association will meet in Montgomery in annual convention on December 16. It is expected that the session will be largely attended, as some matters of considerable importance, notably the report of the committee which has been investigating the artificial butter question, will be submitted.

Killed His Brother-in-Law.

John Easter shot and killed his brother-in-law, George Riddle, about eight miles from Athens Monday afternoon. Riddle was shot without a word of warning. The parties are brothers-in-law. It seems that Easter married against the wishes of the young lady's brothers, and ever since then an enmity has existed.

A Busy Town.

The Forshee Lumber Company at Hammac, near Brewton, has lately put in new planing mill machinery, the finest money could buy. They have also added an electric plant, for the purpose of lighting their mill. Hammac is a busy little town these days. The planing mill was burned some time since, but has been rebuilt and will be ready to start next week.

Railroad Construction.

The new mileage for Alabama reported to the Railroad Commissioners for this year amounts to 34.46 miles. The companies constructing the same were the LaFayette railway, from Opelika to LaFayette, 25 miles; the Tallahassee and Montgomery, from Milledge, on the Western Railway of Alabama, to Tallahassee, 7 miles; the Birmingham Mineral railroad extends a branch 1.69 miles.

Moonshiners in Shelby.

United States Deputy Collector W. C. Hanlin, assisted by Deputies A. B. Mitchell and R. R. Hooper, made a raid upon the moonshiners in Shelby county last week, and destroyed three illicit plants and captured three alleged moonshiners. The men arrested were Mack Connell, Jim Carney and Dave Curtis. The stills were all big concerns, and were located about six miles over the Shelby county line from Jefferson.

Attempt to Wreck L. & N. Train.

Some unscrupulous person tied a cow on the Louisville and Nashville track at the south end of the switch at Verbena Friday morning and a serious wreck came near resulting. The third section of northbound freight No. 28 came along and the engineer blew his whistle, but the cow did not move. It was discovered too late that the beast had been fastened to the rails. When the engine struck the animal the pony car was derailed. The guard rail of the switch was struck, causing the switch to turn and the train went on the side track. The box cars on the siding were smashed, but the engineer remained at his post and stopped the train before any more serious damage was done.

Gen. Wheeler's Bills in Congress.

Gen. Wheeler has introduced the following bills in the house: For appointment of an additional judge to preside over United States courts in the northern district of Alabama; bill to locate a branch of the national prison at Florence, Ala.; bill designating time for convening congress; bill donating to Colbert, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison and Morgan counties in Alabama all public lands contained therein for the purpose of improving the school system in said counties, under such regulations as the secretary of the interior may prescribe; bill for the erection of a public building in Deatur, Ala.; bill giving a pension of \$12 per month to all soldiers who served in the Florida war in 1836.

Topographical Survey Ended.

The topographical survey of the Warrior canal has been completed. The work was done under the general supervision of Assistant United States Engineer Joseph Ripley. He and his forces began work September 10, and

the topographical survey was finished within three days of the time predicted by Mr. Ripley. There is yet a precise level party, in charge of Captain Ferguson, working near Powers' Station, between Tuscaloosa and Meridian. The work of this party will not be completed before the middle of February, 1898.

The length of the line surveyed for the proposed canal measures sixty-three miles, while an air line would measure about thirty-five miles. The work of preparing a report embracing estimates of the cost of the construction of a canal will now be taken up.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

The stock show and race meeting is attracting great crowds of people to Selma.

Commissioner Culver, while boarding the train at Birmingham last Thursday, was relieved of his pocket-book, which contained \$25, by a pick-pocket.

The local clergymen and others, of Montgomery, are making a war against the posting upon the streets of advertisements carrying nude and indecent pictures.

Isham Collier, aged 60, a prominent planter of the eastern part of Madison county, dropped dead Friday at New Hope. The cause of his death was heart failure.

Jesse Hunt, of Prattville, who took an overdose of laudanum died last week, all efforts to arouse him failing. Mr. Hunt had long suffered from sciatic rheumatism, and many think he took the laudanum with suicidal intent.

Levi Hays, of Dixon beat, Pike county, placed a pistol to his head and sent a bullet through his brain. The deed was done in the presence of his wife and children. The rash act was caused by drink and humiliation from his recent arrest.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS MEETS.

The Senate—Thursday.

In the senate today Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, presented a petition signed by 21,259 native Hawaiians, protesting against the annexation of Hawaii. Mr. McBride, of Oregon, secured the passage of a resolution asking the secretary of war for such information concerning the needs of the Alaskan miners in the Yukon valley as he might have in his possession. The senate began the consideration of private pension bills, under the special order. During the hour allowed forty-five bills were passed, the majority of them being for increases to pensions now received. The bill providing for the taking of the census of 1900 will be taken up Monday. Adjourned till Monday.

The House.

The house today entered upon the consideration of pension appropriation bills and stirred up a debate that promises to continue for several days. Private John Allen, of Mississippi, who led the assault in a speech characteristic of his humor, attacked the system. It was admitted on both sides of the house that the \$140,000, carried by the bill for pensions would not cover the expenditures.

The contest of Crowe against Representative Underwood, in the Ninth Alabama district, will be called for Dec. 15. The case of W. F. Aldrich, of the Fourth Alabama district, who has entered a contest for this seat, now held by T. S. Plowman, has been set for hearing before the elections committee No. 1 on Dec. 17.

The House—Friday.

At the opening of the session of the house today it was agreed that when the house adjourned today it be to meet on Monday. On motion of Mr. Foss (rep., Ills.), Saturday, December 18, was set apart for paying tribute to the memory of the late E. D. Cooke of Illinois. The house then resumed the consideration of the pension appropriation bill which was debated yesterday, and after a spirited debate passed without amendment. The amendments offered by the democrats to correct alleged existing abuses were all ruled out on the point of order that they were new legislation. As passed, the bill carried \$141,263,880. Mr. Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, asked unanimous consent for the passage of the bill reported by his committee to prohibit the killing of fur seals. He explained the necessity for the immediate passage of the act owing to the diplomatic negotiations now pending. The house then adjourned till Monday.

Shipbuilding in Great Britain.

There are at the present time eighty-seven warships in the course of construction in Great Britain, and of this naval armament thirty-four ships are being built for foreign countries. Nine of the warships are being built in Royal Dock Yards, but the rest, numbering seventy-eight in all, are being built by private firms. Twenty-five are torpedo boat destroyers, representing only 8300 tons. Elswick has 39,737 tons on the stocks, and the Low Walker Company has 19,580 tons. The Thames Iron Works Company is building a large man-of-war, and the Clyde Bank Company has also another big ship in hand.

Weathercocks in New England.

The earliest weather vanes in New England were cocks, trumpeters, stinple plates, disks and arrows, and, not to be overlooked, the sacred codfish. In Boston, cocks or broad arrows were on all the old churches. On the Province House, where General Gage had his headquarters, there was a statue of an Indian with drawn bow and arrow, ready to shoot.—Boston Globe.

THE SOUTH'S ADVANTAGES

For Cotton Manufacture Pointed Out by a New Englander.

RELATIVE CHEAPNESS OF SOUTHERN LABOR

Is the Key to the Serious Situation—The Southern Mills Have Every Natural Advantage, and Are Not Hampered by Legislation.

The action taken by men prominently connected with cotton manufacturing in the East, at a meeting held in Boston, Mass., the past week, shows how surely the South is taking the lead in the manufacture.

Although Boston is the center of the cotton mill business of New England, the men prominently connected with the trade would have little to say concerning the action of the Fall River manufacturers in voting to reduce the wages of 27,000 operatives, beginning January 1. The treasurer of one of the Fall River mills, who was willing to discuss the matter, said he regarded this cut as the beginning of a serious time, not only for the Fall River print mills, but for all the cotton mills in New England.

The key to the whole situation, he said, is the relative cheapness of Southern labor, which could not be better shown than by the fact that it costs a mill in Georgia or North Carolina 34 cents to produce a pound of material and in New England 65 cents.

With this fact in mind it is evident that the cut of 10 per cent is not going to help matters much, and the only thing that will do any good at present will be a radical cut of say 20 or 25 per cent. This would inevitably bring on a strike; but, with a cut of 10 or 11 per cent, he says, there would be little likelihood of a strike, as the operatives are well acquainted with the conditions and know that a reduction of some kind is necessary. Even this would still leave a difference of about 25 per cent in the cost of labor in favor of the Southern mill, too great a difference to struggle against successfully.

In the first place, says this treasurer, the southern mills have every natural advantage; they have cheaper cotton and less burdensome taxation. Some of the big mills in Fall River, for instance, had a yearly payment of \$10,000, \$15,000 and even \$20,000 in taxes to make, whereas in Georgia and North Carolina the mills are in many instances exempted from taxation for ten or twelve years.

It is in labor, however, the great difference lies, according to the official quoted, for the labor in the south is as good as it is north, and taken as a whole, is about 33 per cent cheaper. The southern laborers have had about ten years training in mills started by experienced cotton manufacturers, and attend as many machines and turn out just as good work as operatives in the best New England mills. Another great advantage the southern mills have is not being hampered by legislation. In Massachusetts the hours of laborers are limited to fifty-eight a week, while in the south they are unlimited.

The only hope for the New England mills, according to the speaker, is either in the improvement in the print cloth market, or in a general evening up of conditions between the north and south.

AN IMPORTANT BILL.

Looking to More Effective Quarantine, Offered in Congress.

Senator Caffery, of Louisiana, has introduced a bill for the revision of the quarantine laws, the distinctive feature of which is placing quarantine regulations exclusively in the hands of the national authorities.

The secretary of the treasury is asked to make regulations to prevent the introduction of infectious or contagious diseases into one State from another and such regulations to be enforced by the sanitary authorities of the States. The municipalities when these authorities will undertake to enforce them, but when they fail the President is given authority to execute and enforce them and to adopt "such legitimate measures as in his judgment shall be necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of such diseases."

Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, introduced a similar bill in the house.

In Florida Waters.

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COLUMBIANA, ALA., DEC. 16, 1897.

A new railroad will soon be built from Dogwood to the Montevallo lump coal mines, owned and operated by Capt. Jno. B. Randall, C. W. Cary and W. E. Brinkerhoff.

Gen. John B. Gordon, commander of the Confederate Veterans, and the Department commander, under and by authority of a resolution passed at the Nashville reunion, have fixed the time of holding the Atlanta reunion on July 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1898. The Georgia Veterans specially urged the dates of July 20, 21 and 22, that being the anniversary of the battles of Peachtree Creek, Manassas and Atlanta respectively.

Let Populists take courage. The indications are multiplying that the worshippers of the golden calf will again control the Democratic party. Then we will have the gold camp divided and all good people can and will instantly combine into a united phalanx and pierce the enemy's lines, whipping both flanks and capturing the citadel—the White House and Capitol. New York Democrats pushed the Chicago platform into a dark corner near the back door this year. Next year they will kick it out. Parker was elected without a platform this year. Next year he will run for governor and have the support of Hill, Murphy and the whole gang who supported Bryan for the sake of "regularity" and secretly connived to defeat him. That gang will thus secure entire control of the party machinery and will join others in putting the gold men on top at the next convention.—Non-conformist.

A few days ago, while in New York, Mr. Joel Hurt, ex president of the Atlanta Consolidated Street Railway Company, said to a newspaper reporter:

"There is a general cry of 'hard times' through the south on account of the low price of cotton. The price has undoubtedly been a great disappointment to the farmers, but I think it is being taken advantage of by many to put up a 'poor mouth' in order to postpone paying debts, thus making the situation seem worse than it really is."

If Mr. Hurt thinks the true situation of our farmers, he ought to try it a season and prove it. It is so easy for a man like Mr. Hurt to sit up in an office in a big city and give out statements to newspapers about cotton and those who raise it. It is not taking "advantage" when a man has placed his whole cotton crop on his debts and fails to pay out on account of the low price, and it shows a lack of good common sense to assert it.—Rockdale Banner.

HON. THOMAS E. WATSON.

Hon. Thomas E. Watson having received an invitation to address the Georgia Legislature on the financial question, very sensibly declined, on the ground that it would be a waste of time to address the Legislature on that subject.

Very few, if any, of the members of that Legislature but what have heard Mr. Watson on that subject, and he had nothing to gain by making the speech. Indeed the Georgia papers think he has excited more notice by declining than he would have done by accepting.

There is a disposition on the part of some of the Populists of Georgia to run Mr. Watson for Governor, but, as will be seen by his letter in another column, he positively declines the honor. He is not a candidate for any office, but is busily engaged just now in looking after his private interests.

Mr. Watson would make a model Governor, and the Georgia Populists know it, but he would also make a model President or vice-president.

With Tom Watson as president, with a Senate and Congress to back him, would not this country blossom like a rose?

WATSON SAYS NIT.

Atlanta, Dec. 11.—The effort to force Tom Watson into the race for governor has failed. He recognized as a fact that political opponents in his own party were endeavoring to push him into the field and nipped the effort in the bud by serving notice on the party in general and these gentlemen in particular that he would not be a candidate.

An extra issue of The People's Party Paper was printed the day when the executive committee met to give publicity to the following statement:

"PERSONAL, POSITIVE AND FINAL."

"Time and again I have said I would not be a candidate for governor. My friends have been asked to take me at my word. My friends, I think, will do so.

"Letters advocating me for any office whatever will be denied space in this paper. Letters on that subject will not be answered.

"Life is short and we might as well save time on a matter like this. T. E. W."

The Legislature, by a joint resolution today, decided not to count and draw pay for tomorrow in the fifty days session. This will give them until Thursday to get through with the business before them.

A Device for Picking Cotton.

One of the most original devices to facilitate the picking of cotton emanates from the fertile brain of Mr. C. A. Wilson, of Lincoln county, Oklahoma, and is thus described:

A narrow boat, with a canopy to shade the cotton pickers from the sun, is mounted upon broad, flat runners. The boat is probably twenty inches deep. At each end is an iron ring, to which a steady horse is hitched. The pickers, usually two, get into the boat, start the horse between two rows of cotton, and with scarcely any bending and no carrying of heavy sacks, ride in ease while they work. It is claimed that a person who can pick 150 pounds with a sack can pick 200 pounds with a boat, for the reason that no time is wasted putting the cotton into the sack, the picker dropping it loose in the bottom of the boat. Inventor Wilson already has secured a patent for his cotton boat. Several of them will be sent to southern states this week, where they will be exhibited in the cotton fields.

Whatever the merits of the above described invention may be, our southern farmers can hardly fail to take deep interest in whatever promises to lessen the hardships incident to farm life. Of course the invention will be thoroughly tested, and if there is anything in it, it will certainly become popular in the south.—Atlanta Constitution.

A young man, James Neely, committed suicide last week in St. Clair county, by shooting himself with a pistol. Disappointment in love affairs is said to have been the cause.

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DANGER AHEAD.

Scientists seem to take an insane delight in getting up some theory to worry people. When it isn't one thing, it's another, and they have such a wide field to operate in that they can always be at it. And there is no class of scientific theorists who make bigger ventures in the way of prognostications than do the astronomers, and for the conclusive reason that they are in little danger of being caught up with if they slip a cog.

But, to get back to their habit of frightening people, one Prof. Falb, of Vienna, recently predicted that a comet in its tour of observation through the endless realms of space had gotten off its schedule, or had switched off its track somehow and would make a head-end collision with the earth on the 19th day of November, 1899, dead sure. He had figured the thing all out to his satisfaction, had laid out the route it would travel, and knew that it and the earth would try to occupy the same place on the date named. As it is a well known and settled axiom in physics that two solid bodies cannot occupy the same place at the same time, it was a natural supposition that the earth or the comet would get knocked into very small sized dornicks and be scattered promiscuously and suddenly all over the unseen universe. Of course, the result might possibly be in some doubt. We do not know the exact size of the comet, as compared with the earth; consequently, it is not possible to tell which would be likely to get the better in the impromptu butting match, but even if we were sure that the comet was much the smaller and weaker, and that it would be the one to get hurt, there would still be ground of uneasiness, because we would have no means of knowing just where it would strike, so that we would be little better off. It must be admitted that to be struck on top of the head by some millions of tons of red-hot comet, would be demoralizing, to say the least of it.

Now, if we could be sure that the thing would strike the middle of Turkey and drive the Sultan and his people down into the centre of the earth, one might view the prospect with some degree of equanimity, but to have it light down in these United States and wipe out the whole business is an event just a little disquieting. And the time when the event is to be pulled off is not satisfactory. It is just before another Presidential election, and the country wouldn't be satisfied to have that event postponed, even for the purpose of witnessing—and feeling—the most gigantic exhibition of falling stars that has occurred in years. Of course, this fellow in Vienna doesn't care whether we have any election or not, but we feel differently about it over here.

However, there's one grain of comfort left. An assistant in the Professor's department has figured the matter out for himself, and has decided that on the date mentioned the earth will be more than eleven million miles from the point indicated by Falb. If this be true, we will be in little danger unless the thing switches its tail around in our direction and fills all our eyes full of cinders. But the degree of satisfaction felt will depend altogether on whether we believe that the Professor or the assistant knows best what he is talking about. Naturally, we prefer to stand in with the latter.—Constitution.

THE MISSING WORD.

The Atlanta Constitution's New Contest.

The Weekly Constitution, Atlanta, Ga., has announced its sixth consecutive missing word contest, commencing on the 1st of November and closing on the 1st of January, a period of about two months.

The book containing the missing word has been sealed up and placed in the hands of W. A. Hemphill, the president and business manager of the company. It is a standard publication and has probably been widely read throughout the south.

The amount offered in prizes is 10 per cent of the subscriptions received from contestants; there are about sixteen thousand subscribers expiring with The Constitution during November and December, and should all of these renew, the sum will be about \$1,600 to be divided. In addition to

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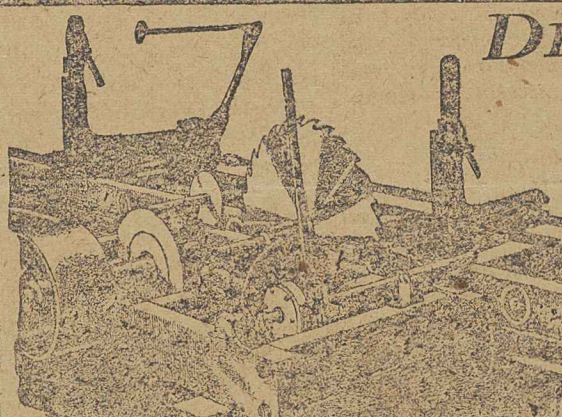
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Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbia, Ala., on January 26th, 1898, viz: John E. McDonald, Homestead entry, No. 25,392, for the E 1/4 of NE 1/4, section 24, township 20 south of range 1 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph M. Crenshaw, William L. Bentley, Monroe Vick, Allen A. Ray, all of Lewis, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 19284.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 15, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbia, Ala., on December 24, 1897, viz: Daniel D. Draper, Homestead entry, No. 26,812, for the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, of NW 1/4, Sec. 12, Tp. 20 south of range 2 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Pomp Foust, Frank Douglas, George Harless, all of Pelham, Ala., Arthur Hand, of Helena, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Probate Notice.
State of Alabama, Probate Court,
Shelby County.

Estate of William Booth, deceased. Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of October 1897, by the Hon. D. R. McMillan, Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.
E. F. VEST,
Administrator.

Notice No. 19285.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 10, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbia, Ala., on December 23, 1897, viz: Thomas R. White, Homestead entry, No. 24,228, for the N 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 6, Tp. 21 south of range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Henderson, Columbus Benton, John Harmon, Thomas R. White, all of Bond, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 19286.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 10, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbia, Ala., on December 23, 1897, viz: Sidney W. Nicholas, Homestead entry, No. 24,830, for the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 6, Tp. 21 south of range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Henderson, Columbus Benton, John Harmon, Thomas R. White, all of Bond, Ala.
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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order issued from the Circuit Court of Shelby County, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell, in front of the Court House, in the town of Columbiana, on the 20th day of December, 1897, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

One lot in the town of Vincent, known as the Bilberry, Mill & Gin lot, also the south east quarter of north east quarter of section 20, township 19, range 2 east, situated in Shelby County, Ala.
Levied upon as the property of N. C. Bilberry, to satisfy said F. T. in my hands in favor of J. F. Pope & Co. This 16th day of November, 1897.
E. F. VEST, Sheriff.

No cure—No pay.

That is the way all druggists sell Grove's tasteless chill tonic for malaria, chill and fever. It is simply Iron and quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating tonics. Price, 50c. For sale by HALL DRUG CO.

July 15, 19.

We want a good correspondent in every beat in the county, by doing this, we will be able to get out a first class paper every week.

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BERKSHIRE, AND POLAND CHINA PIGS

For sale at farmers prices, raised by Legal Duke 26,410. Lord Roseberry, Ohio Prince 26. Free Trade Model 1st 32,311. Call and examine or write to

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

C. W. Baker, of Sterrett, was in the city Monday.

Gordon DuBose is on a business trip to Atlanta.

J. K. Milner, of Anniston, was in the city Saturday.

John B. Randall, of Calera, was in the city Monday.

M. S. Wilson, of Longview, was in the city Saturday.

G. W. Nivens, of Wilsonville, was in the city Saturday.

Sam Wallace, of Harpersville, was in the city Tuesday.

T. J. Wells, of Shelby, was a visitor to our office Tuesday.

Miss Arth is visiting friends in Montevallo this week.

J. R. Beavers and lady are visiting relatives in Birmingham.

John P. Spencer spent several days in Birmingham last week.

Mrs. W. G. Parker is visiting relatives at Clanton this week.

Mr. A. S. Carruthers is now the editor of the Montevallo News.

A large full bottle of snuff, for only 10 cents, at J. H. Hammond.

Stolkton's Antiseptic, for sale at Hall Drug Company's store.

C. C. DuBose spent several days in Selma last week with friends.

Use pure coffee, 12 pounds good coffee for \$1.00, at J. H. Hammond.

Call on S. Stark when in Shelby for cheap clothing and dry goods.

Miss Lucy Gwin, of Wilsonville, was the guest of Miss T. Hammond last week.

A lot of Fresh Cakes, just from the ovens, for sale by J. H. Hammond.

Messrs. H. C. DuBose and Horace Hammond visited relatives at Sterrett Sunday.

W. D. Lacey, of Maline, rode over Saturday to see how we were all getting along.

Keep your eye open next week for a notice of the "moot" court to be had Christmas week.

F. W. Gist, editor of the Chronicle, spent several days in Birmingham last week on business.

Tom Evans, of the Southern Railway, spent several days in the city this week with his family.

Rev. H. M. Milstead preached an interesting sermon at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. O'Hara are attending the Baptist State Convention at East Lake this week.

Mrs. S. W. Jones, who has been spending the summer in the city, returned last Friday to Mobile.

Rev. T. M. Wilson and family left for Calera Tuesday. We wish him success in his new field of labor.

Mrs. John M. Fancher and Miss Sallie Dean, of Montevallo, leave this week for a months visit to Texas.

Misses Pearl and Linnie Seale and Lola Strickland returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Blocton.

Don't use any flour but the Roller King. Sold only by J. H. Hammond.

Don't forget to bring us two Christmas turkeys in exchange for two subscriptions to The Advocate.

One thousand more spoons to give away with goods sold for SPOT CASH, by J. H. Hammond.

John P. Pearson, of Bridgeton, and N. M. Davis, of beat 8, attended the meeting of the executive committee Saturday.

Wanted—Two Christmas turkeys in exchange for two subscriptions to The Advocate. We hope to get them early.

I will have the biggest stock of Xmas goods ever before offered in Coontown.

J. H. Hammond.

R. J. Weaver and family, of near Chappel, have moved to "Wimpee residence" back of the Central Hotel. We welcome them with us again.

Will still sell for the SPOT CASH, 11 pounds of good coffee, "not painted stuff."

J. H. Hammond.

T. F. Farrell, of Yellow Leaf, has accepted a position with J. W. Johnston & Co., where he will be pleased to see his friends, especially the young ladies.

I am now receiving, and will in the near future, open up a full line of fall groceries, which I propose to sell for SPOT CASH and give you a spoon.

J. H. Hammond.

Rev. S. N. Burns, the newly elected pastor of the Methodist church, arrived in the city Monday with his family. He will preach his introductory sermon Sunday.

"Shoot Luke or give up the gun." Fire-crackers from the gun cracker to the cannon cracker, roman candles, torpedoes, rockets, in fact a general assortment. These goods were not bought "at the sheriff's sale of some old clock" but are fresh and new, and first class in every respect, and will be sold cheap for cash, and cash only, by J. H. Hammond.

Murder in Columbiana.

Nearly every paper we pick up contains an account of a murder of some kind. As long as it was away from Columbiana our citizens felt no particular interest, but when murder is committed right here in our town, and that too by a prominent member of the church, and a man who has always been considered as one of our best citizens, the Advocate feels called upon to publish the fact to the world. The crime was committed in broad open daylight on Main street, and, what is more, the murderer seems to glory in the deed and can look an honest man square in the face without flinching. The Advocate does not intend to permit such a crime to pass unnoticed, and we hereby charge John H. Hammond with murder, and propose to prove it by one hundred of the best citizens of Columbiana. He has coolly, deliberately, and with malice aforethought murdered high prices in Columbiana, and must take the consequences. How he planned and carried into execution his wholesale murder may be told hereafter.

Grand Christmas Masquerade.

Permission has been granted by the Mayor, for a grand masquerade parade on Christmas day, which will begin at 9 o'clock. In the afternoon the masqueraders will continue their festivities by riding horseback, and in other conveyances to Shelby, and after parading the streets of that place, will return to Columbiana, and prepare for the masquerade party.

A feature of the parade will be Santa Claus with his new woman sponsor, and a corps of body guards, representing different nationalities.

Uncle Sam will be on hand, and will see that everything is carried on in an orderly manner.

Everybody cordially invited to appear in masque and be mounted for the parade, and ride to Shelby.

Further details will be given in our next issue. A committee is at work, and they intend to have things done up in fine shape.

Christmas Goods.

J. H. Hammond will sell you cheap, for cash, the following goods: Flour, meat, sugar, coffee, tobacco, soda, canned goods of all sorts, (fish, fruit and meats), matches by the millions, pickles, icing sugar, mince meat, nuts and fruits, and in fact, everything kept by a city grocer.

CHRISTMAS GOODS: Dolls from 2 inches to 3 feet high, candies, both stick and fancy, of every grade, tin, brass and musical toys, ladies and gentlemen toilet cases, photograph albums and vases and watersets in Bohemian glass.

Oyster Supper.

There will be an oyster supper Saturday night, December 18th, 1897, at Sherwood Institute, given by the A. M. E. Church to buy a new stove for said Church. Both races are invited. There will be a table for the white as well as the colored people. Oysters, fried, raw, soup, or any way they may be wanted. There will be plenty of 'Opussum as well as Oysters.

JAS. A. FARRIER, Pastor.

Last Thursday morning while hauling water for H. M. Milstead's gin, E. D. Pitts was seriously hurt. The horse becoming frightened, started to run. In attempting to jump, he in some way, became overbalanced and fell. His chest and hip were badly bruised. At first, it was thought his hip was broken, but Dr. Rowe, after a careful examination, pronounced no bones broken. At this writing, Wednesday, he is still confined to his bed at the residence of Mrs. L. C. Armstrong, where he was carried on the evening of the accident, but is doing as well as could be expected. He requests the Advocate to extend his heart-felt thanks to the friends who were so kind to him.

No. 1 furnace at Shelby, now in blast, is working beautifully and turning out a splendid quality of iron. Capt. J. P. Christian, the efficient Superintendent, informs us that they are not only turning out the best quality of iron, but they are doing it at much less expense than ever before. He hopes the demand will be such as to justify them in starting No. 2 early in the spring.

The tax collector and assessor finished up their last round last week. They will be at Columbiana from the 18th to 31st of December, except Christmas day, where parties who do not want to pay delinquent fees can meet them. After January 1st, delinquent fees will be charged for assessing and collecting.

Currents, figs, seedless raisins, cranberries and mince-meat, for sale by J. H. Hammond.

Whatever you may do between now and Christmas, be sure and see S. Stark, of Shelby, a tremendous stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes and Hats, received especially for this week.

J. S. Falkner, our clever assistant postmaster, secured a horse and buggy Sunday and—well, we don't know where he went, but if he succeeded in dodging all the Advocate reporters, you may bet he will do "tie to."

Vincent.

Miss Eva Freeze, who has been absent several weeks visiting her sister at Sylacauga, has returned home.

Mrs. B. H. Samuel and little boys who have been on a visit to relatives in Birmingham, have returned home.

We are indebted to Messrs. Morrow and McCary for a delightful serenade last week. Their music on guitar and violin certainly is worth waking up to listen too.

Miss Bessie Vincent is on the sick list this week.

Rev. R. A. Kidd filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday, and preached splendid sermons to good audiences.

W. J. No. 1, was up Sunday, and since that time, somebody, (I won't say who), has been looking lots better, think they will soon be well.

Mr. Frank Elliott has moved to his new residence in North Vincent. We welcome Mr. Elliott and his estimable family to our town.

Mr. Cosper's new home is completed, and adds greatly to the looks of our town. We understand he will move next week.

It seems that Bob had the previous engagement Sunday, and was happy over the victory.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of one of Creswell's most charming young ladies to Mr. Geo. M. Douglas. Mr. Douglas is to be congratulated on securing such a fair companion.

The Vincent Free School will give a grand entertainment Thursday night, Dec. 23rd. An extensive program has been prepared, and those that come will be highly entertained.

Notes and presents were flying thick and fast Sunday afternoon. No doubt Prof. got tired of answering.

Supt. Eugene Williams contemplates visiting Lexington, Miss., his old home, during the holidays. We wish him a pleasant visit, as seven years has elapsed since his last visit there.

OCCASIONAL.

Fourmile.

Some sickness in our community.

We are having plenty of rain at present.

Sunday was a beautiful day, and everybody went to church.

C. W. Spearman visited Jackson's Mill Sunday evening. Prospecting, we suppose.

J. E. Jackson, who recently moved from here to Sylacauga, was back Sunday to see his many friends.

Several of our young people visited near Harpersville Saturday night. They reported a lovely time. The candy pulling at Jack Ropers Friday night was greatly enjoyed by both old and young.

J. W. Spearman and Miss Nancy Crumpton attended service at Ebenezer Sunday.

Rev. T. V. Neal, of Wilsonville, preached an eloquent sermon at Fourmile Sunday to a very large audience.

Judging from the number of visitors E. S. Kytte makes on Fourmile, we will get to eat some yellow bread in the near future.

Misses Eva and Ida Farr were the guests of Miss Alma Jackson Sunday evening. L. B. Riddle too.

Messrs. J. F. Baker and W. W. Hadaway have purchased a Camera, and they are strictly in the picture business.

John Brasher, of Vandiver, came down Sunday to attend the Center school. We are glad to have him with us.

SCHOOL BOX.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, Bruises, Scors, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Pector, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale by Hall Drug Co., Columbiana, Alabama.

S. Stark, of Shelby, is going to do business right through the busy Holiday season, giving good honest goods at fairest prices. You will find him prepared to please you.

Mr. Geo. A. Zimmerman, of Chicago and Mrs. Ada Merrell, of Shelby, were married at the Court House Monday afternoon. Rev. W. I. Sinnott officiating. The Advocate wishes them unbounded success.

"Say, Bender, gimme chaw bacco." "Here it am, Tatum." "Say, lookie here, Bender, what kinde' bacco is dis?" "Why, dat am dat Red Apple you buy from J. H. Hammond, and it sho is good."

I hereby thank the citizens of Columbiana and vicinity for their past liberal patronage, and hope by close attention to business to merit a continuance of their favors.

J. H. Hammond, Cash Grocer.

A. M. Elliott, our popular liverman, visited Talladega last Friday. The Advocate is informed that he has ordered several new buggies and a new "buss" for his stable.

Jackson's Mill.

Health very good. Will Tinney is all smiles, it is a boy.

John Kytte, of Helena, was visiting his people at this place last Wednesday.

J. W. Kytte and lady paid Vincent a visit last week.

Miss Emma Kytte, an accomplished young lady of this place, has gone to Atlanta to spend the winter.

H. R. Carter is only sixteen years of age, and is one of the happiest young men in this section. It is a ten pound girl.

Sager, have you any control over John Powell, if you have, keep him away from Vincent. We are thinking that he is going to steal one of Vincent's flowers and replant it on Fourmile.

The yellow pony keeps traveling up the road, and Mr. Editor when the cake is hot, I'll be there if you'll meet me on the spot.

We are having plenty of rain now, and it is a welcome visitor, for Mrs. Frank has been having to bring water for some time and for some distance, and Frank has been having to take the back seat. Therefore he is exceedingly glad to see it rain.

Mr. Justice C. Jackson was married to Miss Mattie Welchen last Wednesday. Mr. Jackson is a graduate from the Business College of Birmingham, and is a good business man. His wife is a graduate from Howard College of Birmingham. Mr. Jackson was singularly fortunate in his choice. Mattie is everything that husband could desire. She is beautiful in person, intelligent, accomplished, energetic and prudent, and a warm hearted christian. We congratulate Mr. Jackson on securing such a fine companion.

FRANK.

Cobb Blows.

Health of community very good. We are having some rain now.

We learn that R. B. Moore and two little boys are quite sick with fever. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

Well, the Crank has returned to the Advocate's band of correspondents now.

H. E. Archer and Calvin West went to Wilsonville Friday on business.

Mrs. M. V. Phillips and Mrs. Mollie Riggins returned Wednesday after a few days' visit to relatives and friends in Birmingham.

J. W. Lybrand is moving back to our community from Harpersville.

There was no preaching at Mt. Tabor Sunday.

We learn that the Messrs. Walters and Averietts, of Fayetteville, will be in our community this week on another big hunt. Come ahead boys, we are always glad to see you.

C. W. Archer and bride are living with the formers father for awhile.

We wish to say the singing given by Huston Nelson, at his father's Sunday night, proved a grand success. And we kindly thank Miss Jennie Cosper for the music she gave us.

George Austin was down from Sterrett Sunday with his best one, success is for him.

Mr. Harris and Miss Thomas, of Columbiana, passed through our community last Friday.

Died, Friday Dec. 10th, John Adams, son of Mr. James Adams, near Weldon, after a long struggle with typhoid fever. He was quite young, about 14 years of age. His remains were laid to rest in the Mt. Tabor cemetery Saturday at 4 o'clock p. m. We sympathize with the bereaved family.

COBB CRANK.

Quitto Dots.

Health of community very good.

Miss Wilna Deshazo, one of our charming young ladies, visited relatives at Bridgeton last week. She reports having a nice time.

Sunday school at New Hope every Sunday evening at 2 o'clock, prayer meeting at night.

Mr. Tommie Nash is attending the High School at Pelham.

Mrs. Lydia Cross and Miss Wilma Deshazo visited Pelham one day last week.

R. F. Johnson and wife visited Pelham last week.

BLUE EGGS.

Mrs. George Powell.

The Star regrets to chronicle the death of Mrs. George Powell, at Lewis, Ala., news of which was received here yesterday.

Mrs. Powell was raised in this parish and was the daughter of Mr. Mason, of the Evening News. The newspaper fraternity of this city and the many friends sympathize with him and his family in their bereavement.

The Advocate and Atlanta Constitution for \$1.50. Send in your subscription with your guess at the missing word.

Lewis Blows.

Health of community not good. There are several cases of fever in our community at this time.

Mrs. W. E. Riddle is very ill at this writing. We would be glad to state her recovery.

Bro. Neal occupied the pulpit at Fourmile Sunday at 11 o'clock, and delivered an able and interesting sermon. Bro. Neal is the right man in the right place.

Mr. Harvey Waters, of Talladega county, has accepted a position with Mr. Ed. Russell of this place, where he intends to reside next year. We are glad to welcome Harvey with us.

Well Frank, of Jackson's Mill, if you don't want Speer Kytte's name in our valuable paper, you will have to keep him up at the mill, for every time he leaves the mill he comes to Fourmile or Blue-spring. But he surely is sick, he was not here last Sunday.

Rev. J. C. Lyon is having him a well bored. We hope he will have success in securing water.

Mr. Jesse Stone has gone to Selma to get in his Christmas goods. We hope he will secure a good and cheap lot of goods.

Mr. J. E. Jackson, of Sylacauga, was in community Sunday. It is hard for Karl to part from old Fourmile.

SAGER.

From Burke.

More rain. Health generally good.

Prof. John Farrell, principal of the Fourmile High school, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

J. S. Farrell has been quite sick, but is thought to be improving.

James Albright is going to move his mill and gin from Burke, two miles east to his residence. We hate to see this move, as Jim is an excellent miller.

J. S. Falkner, Columbiana's clever assistant postmaster, attended singing at Liberty Sunday, prospecting, no doubt. It is useless for us to say come again Sam, as we are persuaded he has already received an invitation.

We are informed that our young friend Tom Farrell has accepted a position with J. W. Johnston & Co., at Columbiana.

L. R. Kendrick was in the southern part of beat 8 transacting business last Friday and Saturday.

The Florence school house was burned last Tuesday night, believed to be the work of an incendiary. But some of the patrons are made of good material, and by Thursday morning they had a better house equipped, and the school moved on.

Rev. Geo. Lowery preached a good sermon to a large congregation last Sunday at Mt. Calvary church.

REPUBLIQUE.

Yellow Leaf.

Health of community not good at present.

B. A. Mooney spent Saturday night and Sunday with C. M. Fancher.

C. M. Fancher has moved into his new dwelling.

J. A. Huett has moved to Chilton county. We are sorry to lose so good a friend and neighbor.

Berry Gardner and family, of Coosa county, visited friends here several days last week.

L. J. Carden's family, of Harpersville, visited relatives and friends in this community last week.

Misses Florence and Eliza Fancher visited relatives at Harpersville last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. McAnley, agent for the Alabama Mineral Land company, was in this vicinity last week, looking after the company's land.

R. B. Moore and two of his small boys have the typhoid fever. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

B. C. Hughes has a little boy right sick. We hope for his recovery soon.

Died last Friday, John Adams, son of J. M. Adams. He was sick two or three weeks with the fever, and suffered untold pain. He leaves a father, brothers and sisters, and a host of friends to mourn his loss, but we think they ought to turn their mourning into joy, when he is done suffering in this world. We do not know whether he was prepared for death or not; he was young in years, and all of us young people should remember that the young die as well as the old, and we should be prepared to meet it. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Edge, you asked me what has become of the yellow pony and its rider. Why, he keeps the road hot, and he must not be a good trader. It looks to me like that I could have made several in this time, and I do not think it is on the girls' account.

Well, Sager, the wedding bells is ringing now, and we do hope you will get an invitation to the wedding, and to eat some cake too.

YOUNG JOE.

WE HAVE RECEIVED

As nice a line of Millinery Goods as can be found anywhere, and invite the Public to call and examine them.

WE HAVE

VELVETS, RIBBONS, SILKS and FEATHERS to suit the most Fastidious.

HAVE ALSO ADDED TO OUR LINE

Ladies' and Childrens' Kid and Wool Cloves, Handkerchiefs and Underwear.

LAURA C. ARMSTRONG & CO

The Populist Executive Committee.

The populist executive committee of Shelby county met in the grand jury room in the court house Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 1 p. m., and was called to order by the chairman, who explained the object of the meeting.

On motion, a committee of four was appointed to confer with the Republicans, and report at the next meeting of the committee. The chair appointed W. A. Tallant, J. M. Fancher, M. S. Wilson and D. C. Davis.

On motion, a campaign committee of one from each beat was appointed as follows:

Beat 1—A. P. Longshore; beat 2, W. M. Connell; beat 3, John B. Randall; beat 4, Dr. F. E. Crowe; beat 5, W. H. Sturdivant; beat 6, M. S. Lee; beat 7, J. M. Leonard; beat 8, T. B. Holcomb; beat 9, F. M. McEwen; beat 10, J. E. McGraw; beat 11, J. M. Spearman; beat 12, W. N. Gilbert; beat 13, R. F. Cox; beat 14, A. J. Holcomb; beat 15, R. H. Jarrett; beat 16, B. F. Oakes; beat 17, Ollie Cost; beat 18, Wm. Lowery.

Mr. John A. West, of beat 1, having died, his place on the committee was filled by the election of J. R. Davis, Sr.

R. E. Huston, of beat 9, having resigned, Mr. G. W. Nivens was elected in his place.

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ANNIE AND WILLIE'S PRAYER.

"Twas the eve before Christmas; 'Good-night' had been said, And Annie and Willie had crept into bed; There were tears on their pillows and tears in their eyes, And each little bosom was heavy with sighs, For to-night their stern father's command had been given That they must retire precisely at seven. Instead of eight; for they troubled him more With questions unheard of than ever before. He told them he thought this delusion a sin, No such thing as 'Santa Claus' ever had been, And he hoped, after this, he should never more hear How he scrambled down chimneys with presents each year. And this is the reason why two little heads So restlessly tossed on their soft, downy beds.

Eight, nine, and the clock on the steeple tolled ten— Not a word had been spoken by either till then. When Willie's sad face from the blanket did peep, And whispered, 'Dear Annie, is you fast asleep?' 'Why, no; brother Willie,' a sweet voice replied, 'I've tried in vain, but I can't shut my eyes. For somehow it makes me so sorry because Dear papa had said there is no Santa Claus; Now we know there is, and it can't be denied, For he came every year before mamma died; But then I've been thinking that she used to pray, And God would hear everything mamma would say. And perhaps she asked him to send Santa Claus here With the sacks full of presents he brought every year.' 'Well, why can't we play just as mamma did then, And asked him to send him with presents again?' 'I've been thinking so, too,' and without a word more Four bare little feet bounded out on the floor, And two tiny hands were clasped close to each breast.

"Now, Willie, you know we must firmly believe That the presents we ask for we're sure to receive. You must wait just as still till I say amen, And by that you will know that your turn has come then— Dear Jesus, look down on my brother and me, And grant us the favor we're asking of thee: I want a nice book full of pictures, a ring, A writing desk, too, that shuts with a spring. Bless papa, dear Jesus, and cause him to see That Santa Claus loves us as much even as he. Don't let him get fretful and angry again At dear brother Willie and Annie, amen!" At these words, the two little heads came down to-night, And bring us some presents before it is light. I want he should give me a bright little box, Full of acorns, some other nice blocks, And a bag full of tandy, a book and a toy. Amen, and then, dear Jesus, I'll be a good boy. Their prayers being ended, they raised up their heads, And with hearts light and cheerful again sought their beds; They were soon lost in slumber—both peaceful and deep, And with fairies in dreamland were roaming in sleep.

Eight, nine and the little French clock had struck ten, Ere the father had thought of his children again; He seems now to hear Annie's half-smothered sighs, And to see the big tears standing in Willie's blue eyes. "I was harsh with my darlings," he mornfully said, "And should not have sent them so early to bed; But when I was troubled—my feelings found vent, For bank stock to-day has gone down ten per cent. But of course they'd forgot their troubles ere this. But then I denied them the thrice asked for kiss; But just to make sure I'll steal up to the door, For I never spoke harsh to my darlings before."

So saying he softly ascended the stairs, And arriving at their door heard both of their prayers. His Annie's "bless papa" draws forth the big tears, And Willie's grave promise falls sweet on his ears. "Strange, strange, I've forgotten," said he with a sigh, "How I longed when a child to have Christmas draw nigh. I'll atone for my harshness," he inwardly said, "By answering their prayer, ere I sleep in my bed."

Then he turned to the stairs and softly went down, Threw off velvet slippers and silk dressing gown, Donned hat, coat and boots, and was out in the street. A millionaire facing the cold winter sleet; He first went to a wonderful "Santa Claus" store (He knew it, for he'd passed it the day before). And there he found crowds on the same errand as he, Making purchases of presents, with glad heart and free. Nor stopped he until he had bought everything. From a box full of candy to a tiny gold ring. Indeed, he kept adding so much to his store That the various presents outnumbered a score! Then homeward he turned with his holiday load, And with Aunt Mary's aid in the nursery was stowed.

Miss Dolly was seated beneath a pine tree, By the side of a table spread out for tea; A wild bird sang from the centre was laid.

And on it a ring for which Annie had prayed; Four acorns painted in yellow and red. Stood with a block house on a beautiful shore; There were balls, dogs and horses, books pleasing to see. And birds of all colors were perched in the tree. While Santa Claus, laughing, stood up in the top, As if getting ready for more presents to drop. And as the fond father the picture surveyed He thought for his trouble he had amply been paid. And he said to himself as he brushed off a tear, "I'm happier to-night than I have been for a year. I've enjoyed more true pleasure than ever before. What care I if bank stock falls ten per cent. Hereafter I'll make it a rule, I believe, To have Santa Claus visit us each Christmas Eve."

So thinking he gently extinguished the light, And tripped downstairs to retire for the night. As soon as the beams of the bright morning sun Put the darkness to flight and the stars one by one faded, Four little blue eyes out of sleep opened wide. And at the same moment the presents espied. Then out of their beds they sprang with a bound, The voices they prayed for were all of them found; They laughed and they cried in their innocent glee, And shouldered for papa to come quick and see. What presents old Santa Claus had brought in the night (Just the things they had wanted) and left before light.

"And now," said Annie, in a voice soft and low, "You'll believe there's a Santa Claus, papa, I know." While little Willie climbed up on his knee, Determined no secret between them should be. And told, in soft whispers, how Annie had said, That their dear, blessed mamma, so long ago dead, Used to kneel down and pray by the side of her chair, And that God, up in heaven, had answered her prayer. "Then we dot up and prayed dust as well as we could, And dear answered our prayers; now wasn't it good?" "I should say that He was if He sent you all these, And knew just what presents my children would like. (Well, well, let him think so, the dear little elf, 'Twould be cruel to tell him I did it myself.)" Blind father, who caused your stern heart relent, And the hasty word spoken so soon to repent? 'Twas the Being who bade you steal softly And made you His agent to answer their prayers. —Sophia P. Snow.

LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE.

BY FRANK SCOTT MILES.



IGHT merrily blazed the yule log in the square open fire place, and the dark oak panels of the little room caught and threw back again in softer light of the red flames. The room was filled with the rosy glow, and black shadows danced in time to the flickering firelight on the floor and walls. At times the fierce wind outside blew down the chimney a shower of snow which fell with a sizzle upon the crackling log, but the flames only burned the brighter as though determined to outdo the Christmas storm, and the noise of the gale was lost in the merry splutter and crackle of the fire.

Before the log sat a youth and maiden, and for a little time they sat in silence reading their future in the red coals; and though neither told the other of their dream each felt that their futures were the same. Suddenly the young man turned toward the girl, "I bought a bit of mistletoe to-day," he said; "do you know the origin of its use? Shall I tell you the story?"

She looked at him dreamily, "Yes," she answered, her lips scarcely moving. "And will you promise not to interrupt?"

"Yes," was the low reply. He laid the green spray with its crimson berries upon her brown curls, and bending near her began: "Baldur, the son of Odin, the old Norse god, was called the Good because of his kind and loving nature, and wherever he went among the gods or men he was received with the kiss of peace." The young man hesitated a moment, then he caught sight of the green spray that crowned the fair face of the girl and he was emboldened. "Likewise," he whispered, he waited a moment and then seeing the brown eyes turned inquiringly toward him he continued, "But Baldur in his dreams was warned that his life was in peril, so he called the gods together and giving them the kiss of peace—the gods were numbered by the score," he explained, "and you promised not to interrupt. He told them of his fears and they resolved to do all in their power to prevent the calamity. Frigg, the wife of Odh, made all things on earth swear not to injure him, but she overlooked the mistletoe, which she thought too puny. She did not know its power as I do. All right, I'll continue. After this Baldur used to supply all the fun for the gods, who would throw all sorts of things at him and improve their aim because they knew he could not be harmed. And Baldur used to return a kiss for each blow, and if he got hit six times he would give six—like this. But Loki, that unpleasant fellow whom no one used to ever kiss, (like this) learned that the mistletoe

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had taken no oath, so he got a little spray and sharpened it and then went to catch the fun. There was an old blind god called Hodur who couldn't see, and Loki went up to him and whispered, 'Don't you want to hit Baldur and get a kiss?' (like this) and Hodur said 'Yep.' So Loki gave him the mistletoe and guided his throw and Baldur was pierced through and he fell dead and he couldn't kiss anybody any more, (like this) and everybody was stricken with sorrow. So after trying to get back his life they gave up the job and laid him on his ship, placed a spray of mistletoe over his head and all the Valkyrs, a lot of pretty girls who used to be messenger boys for the gods, came and kissed him, (like this—and this) and that is why on Christmas eve anybody can kiss anybody else (like this) if they only have a spray of mistletoe over their head."

"What has Christmas Eve got to do with it?" asked the maiden, reaching for the spray in her hair. As she said it she started. "Oh, Tom!" she cried, "these berries are red! How could you make such a mistake? All your time wasted and—"

The young man looked perplexed. How had he failed, he wondered? The results of mistletoe could not have been different. He was about to ask when the girl started to her feet and like a frightened spirit passed through the portieres. Was she displeased, and was this his dismissal? As he pondered thus a hand thrust aside the curtains and a face that was rosy as the glowing coals looked shyly through. "Tom," she faltered, "you know that holly didn't count—holly never does. It wasn't fair, so—so—I've got a piece of real mistletoe. Now tell me all about Baldur."—Munsey.

The Yule Log. In some parts of Germany the Yule log is placed on the hearth on Christmas Eve, and, if possible, kept burning for two or three days. Then a piece of it is laid aside for the purpose of lighting the next year's log and of guarding the household from hungry pieces of firewood charred, but not quite burnt out in the Christmas fires, are also placed under the family bed in some German villages to avert the dreaded lightning stroke, which appears in this relation to be the type of fire in its evil aspect, in contradistinction from the solar orb, the representative of beneficent light and warmth. The custom of burning a Yule log for three days and nights in each household is almost certainly a survival from the adoration once offered to the sun at the winter solstice.

Three centuries after the Christian era sun worship was still maintained in Brittany; and in Normandy, not more than a hundred years ago, the household fire was extinguished on December 24, and the Christmas log was ignited by the aid of a flame procured from the lamp burning in the neighboring church. This fact affords a curious instance of the probable transference of respect and reverence from the sacred fire of a purely heathen creed to the ecclesiastical rites for procuring unsullied fire were forbidden, or fell into desuetude, the ideas to which they owed their origin and development, instead of perishing, continued to exist more or less perfectly, by attaching themselves to usages and ceremonies having no direct association with them.—Gentleman's Magazine.

The Yule Log. When the yule log burns upon the hearth, With carol, rhyme and Christmas cheer, A fire should kindle in each soul To gladden all the coming year. A flame to brighten heart and home, And shine as well for other eyes, Fed by good deeds which still glow on When dim and cold the yule log lies. No life so poor but it may know A spark of this divinest fire. No life so beautiful and rich, But still, flame-like, it may aspire. Then kindly yule logs far and wide To burn on every happy hearth, Fit symbols of the faith and love That purify and bless the earth. —Louisa M. Alcott.

QUIPS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Good Santa Claus may well grow wild, and go out on a strike, if every woman, man and child insist they want a bike.—Judge.

Buy up the Christmas books liberally, and next year the authors will get royalties enough to dine at a restaurant.—Atlanta Constitution.

"Papa," said Tommy, "do you think Santa Claus would be offended if I put a note into the chimney and told him in which toy store they kept the best fire engines?"—Harper's Bazar.

Mrs. Sumatra—"I do wish I could get my husband to swear off smoking for a while." Mrs. Stogie—"Why don't you give him a box of cigars for Christmas?"—Philadelphia North American.

He—"I mean to give you an elegant engagement ring, and we'll call it your Christmas present." She—"I'm not to be outdone in generosity. I'll give it right back again."—Detroit Free Press.

"Mamie got a diamond ring for her Christmas." "How did she get it?" "Hung up her stockings." "Jack, of course?" "But how did Jack get it?" "Hung up his watch."—Illustrated Monthly.

First Newsboy—"Goin' to hang up your stockin' Christmas Eve?" Second Newsboy—"Naw." First Newsboy—"Better do it. You might git 'em filled." Second Newsboy—"They're filled now." First Newsboy—"What with?" Second Newsboy—"Holes."—Cleveland Leader.

The approaching Christmas was under discussion in a Belieffed household. "What would you like Santa Claus to bring, little girl?" asked the papa of his small daughter. "I would like him to bring Christmas sooner," replied the maiden.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"What are you going to give George for Christmas?" "Well, I thought I'd work him something, but I'm so mad at what he said that I don't feel like giving him a thing." "What did he say?" "He said he hoped I wouldn't spoil my eyes and rack my brain trying to make him a present." "Well, that was all right, wasn't it?" "Then he said that I could buy something so much better and cheaper. I'm angry enough to go and get that toilet table set for him that I have wanted so long!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Some Christmas Pies. Cranberry Tart—Wash and pick over the berries. Put into a porcelain saucepan with a very little water and simmer until they burst open and become soft. Run through a colander to remove the skins and sweeten to taste. Bake in pastry shells with a crossbar of piecrust over the top.—Marion Harland.

Dried Apple Pie—Home-dried apples should be stewed very soft and mashed through a colander; when stewing put in two or three small pieces of lemon peel and flavor with a little spice. Before putting in to the piepan, sweeten and stir in a beaten egg. Bake with two crusts, rolled thin, and warm slightly before serving.

Cranberry Pie—Line a pie dish with plain paste, then fill it with uncooked cranberries, add one-half cup molasses, four tablespoons sugar, cover with an upper crust and bake in quick oven thirty minutes.

Apple Custard Pie—Peel 'sour' apples and stew until soft and not much water left in them; then rub through a colander. Beat three eggs for each pie and put in the proportion of one cup butter, one cup sugar for three pies and season with nutmeg.

Pumpkin Pie—One quart pumpkin, stewed and strained, one quart milk, one cup sugar, seven eggs beaten very light, one teaspoon ginger and the same of mace and cinnamon. Beat all well together and bake in a crust without a cover.—Chicago Record.

An Early Intimation. "Johnny," said the boy's father, "I suppose that you are going to hang up your stocking next Christmas." "No, I'm not," was the reply, after some thought. "Why not?" "Because," he answered, looking his father straight in the eye, "you couldn't put a bicycle in my stocking."—Washington Star.

A Misunderstanding. "I notice Jenks doesn't speak to you. What's the matter?" "I can't help it. I started to talk to him about Christmas decorations the other day, and he thought I referred to the black eyes he got in a broil with a mutual friend recently."

Hanging the Holly. The English holly is finer in quality than that grown on American shores. The leaves are a better green and the berries larger, and before the holiday season sets in great hampers of it are shipped from the English ports to delight American eyes and hearts.

An attractive manner of using it is to tie big bunches with long satin ribbon loops and ends, matching in shade the hue of the berries, and place them over pictures or mantel-shelf, or fasten against the wall, especially in some picturesque nook or corner. Underneath the mantel, where there is no fireplace, the space may be banked with masses of the spiny leaves and bright berries; jars or vases may be filled with them, while holly wreaths and ropes are another form of decoration, very effective in both large and small apartments.

Can't Suit Everybody. Jowler—"You've been rolling pretty high for a good while, Bowler. Now, that it's New Year, why don't you resolve to settle down?"

Bowler—"Now just see! You want me to start in with the New Year and settle down, and here's a lot of chaps writing me and wanting to know if I wouldn't be a good time for me to settle up! What's a fellow going to do, anyhow?"

The Christmas Tree. A stately fir tree rears its head, With stars and tapers all ablaze; And quivering in the fairy ray, The glittering loaded branches spread.

And childish eyes are sparkling bright, And childish hearts with joy o'erflow.



And on that Birthday long ago They ponder with a grave delight.

Then to their gifts they turn once more, And in the present sunshine lost, They fear no future tempest toss'd, But into fairy regions soar.

Two Legends of the Christ-Child.

The following quaint story is from the history of "The Nativity of Mary," a work that has for centuries furnished themes for poets and artists. "Mary and the child Jesus were resting in a cave with Joseph and a maid and three boys, who were with them on their journey. There came suddenly out of the sides of the cave a great number of dragons, and when Jesus, slipping down from his mother's knee, stood on His feet before them, the dragons fell down and worshipped Him. Then the Divine Child, seeing that Mary and Joseph were filled with terror lest He should be harmed, said to them, 'Do not be afraid and do not consider Me as a little child, for I am and always have been perfect, and all the beasts of the field must become before Me.' Many of the old painters have given us the terror-stricken group in the cave, including the girl and the three boys, but minus the monsters who caused them such a fright.

The most beautiful of all the legends is "The Light of the World," which Bouverieau has so exquisitely pictured for us in his "Repose in Egypt." Some travelers crossing the desert saw a brilliant light proceeding apparently from the Sphinx. Knowing that the altar of the sun stood there, they asked of one another in amazement, "Can the people be sacrificing again to the sun?" And when they drew nearer they saw that a little group of wanderers was resting beneath the shadow of the mystery of the desert. A man of middle age, dusky and travel-stained, was feeding a small gray ass, while on the arms of the Sphinx rested a young woman holding an infant to her breast. The radiant light which had dazzled them shone from the face of the young child with a great and exceeding brilliancy. Now the travelers going on their way, were filled with awe and astonishment. Yet they did not know that they had beheld the "Light of the World."—Demorest.

Holly. It has been thought that "holly" is only another name for "holly," as the tree was once considered sacred, but it is likely that the name is from the Welsh word for armor on account of the spear-shaped leaves. The holly is a slow growing tree which does not usually attain great size. English holly is not quite hardy here, but may be grown with some protection. The leaves are a brighter green and the berries a deeper red than those of our native holly. Some parts of the tree are good for medicinal purposes.

The wood of the holly is very hard and therefore useful for cabinet work. A variety of holly was used in the time of Henry VIII in England to make skewers, picks, and even pins for dresses. The inner bark has a tannaceous substance from which bird lime is made. There is a variety of holly in South America from the bark or leaves of which "mate" or Jesuit tea is made.

Besides the red-berried holly there are other varieties bearing white, yellow, and black fruit. One kind without berries bears fragrant flowers. The holly blooms in May bearing pistillate and staminate flowers on different trees. The most curious thing about the holly is that on the lower branches the leaves are notched, as for a protection, but the foliage higher up is smooth. Evelyn, in his famous garden, used holly as a hedge, and a very beautiful hedge it must have been.

On Christmas. "The church-bells of innumerable sects are all chiming bells to-day, ringing in sweet accordance throughout many lands and awaking a great joy in the heart of our common humanity."—Rev. Dr. Chapin.

A Natural Mistake.



Dear Santa Claus: I want a sled And skates, all new and nice; But please don't send 'em less you make A lot of snow and ice.

SPANIARDS ANGRY.

Generals Engineering a Protest Against the President's Message.

A special from Biarree, France, says: Mail advices received from Madrid (telegrams and telephone messages on this subject being forbidden) say the Spanish military journals, especially the most important, the Correspondencia Militar, declare that twenty generals have come to an agreement to engineer a protest against President McKinley's message to congress, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army. It is added that a certain marshal was asked to co-operate, but merely replied that he would consider the matter. General Weyler answered a similar request, saying he desired in the first place to learn the opinion of certain personages, the law not allowing military men to send a collective petition to the minister for war.

Political circles are much excited at rumors of a manifesto to the country, which is said to be in course of preparation.

GEORGIA LEGISLATURE.

Resume of Work Done by That Body During the Past Session.

The state legislature expired by limitation at midnight Thursday. The principal business during the session was to provide a new penal system to take the place of the old lease system.

While convicts will still be hired out under the new system, it looks ultimately to the entire breaking up of hiring convicts to civilians and to their employment by the state.

The passage of a resolution calling upon senators and congressmen to support an amendment making United States senators elective by the people at large was the principal expression in national issues.

The legislature also declared in favor of a national quarantine.

The anti-foolbill bill was passed by the legislature, but fell through under gubernatorial veto.

Very little active legislation reached a final passage.

JAPAN'S HAWAIIAN POLICY.

No Objection to Annexation, But Will Protect Japanese Interests.

The steamer Doric, which arrived at San Francisco from Japan Friday morning, brought the following news: It is reported that as the cabinet found that the absolute protest against Hawaiian annexation was of no avail, it concluded that it would be advisable to yield a point, and, while not objecting to annexation itself, to make an effort to insure the protection of Japanese interests. The United States government will be asked to guarantee that the annexation of Hawaii shall not interfere with the advantage hitherto possessed by Japan in the islands. This will constitute the scope of Japan's policy, even should congress approve of annexation.

FOUR MURDERED IN ARKANSAS.

An Aged Farmer, His Wife and Two Sons Killed by Robbers.

A special from Russellville, Ark., gives details of a terrible murder near Clinton, in Van Buren county. An aged farmer named Patterson lived on Culpesper mountain. With him lived his wife and six sons, one of whom was married and had a small family. While the entire household was seated at the supper table two white men, wearing masks and heavily armed, suddenly sprang into the dining room and leveling their weapons at the heads of the assembled family commanded them to remain quiet and commenced shooting, when a general fight ensued. When the desperate battle ended, it was found that the old farmer, his wife and two of the sons had been killed. Robbery was the intent of the murderers.

Big Gain in Exports and Imports.

The exports of domestic merchandise during November last amounted to \$114,608,301, a gain of nearly \$7,000,000, as compared with November, 1896. The imports of merchandise were \$52,952,351, of which over 50 per cent. was free of duty. The gain for the month in the imports of dutiable merchandise was over \$5,300,000.

The exports of silver during November amounted to \$4,979,277, and the imports \$1,544,305. For the nine months the exports of silver amounted to \$52,551,963 and the imports \$11,017,012.

SPANISH REVOLUTION.

Menacing Attitude of the Populace Indicates Trouble Ahead for the Don.

According to the St. James Gazette private letters received from Madrid say that General Weyler's reception there was most significant, and that the government is so alarmed by the menacing attitude of the populace that artillery has been stationed at concealed points commanding the main thoroughfares. The gunners, however, can be relied upon.

The wildest rumors are current, says the letter in question, with reports that preparations are making for the flight of the royal family to France at the first sign of a revolution.

England's Great Actor Assassinated.

William Terris, the well known actor, was assassinated, being stabbed with a knife, as he was entering the stage door of the Adelphi theater, London, Thursday night. The murderer rushed at the actor as he was stepping across the pavement from his cab and stabbed him just below the heart. As the actor fell his murderer was seized by people who were outside the theater. The wounded man expired in fifteen minutes. The name of the murderer is given as Archer.

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Rev. Sam Jones was to lecture in Talladega yesterday.

James L. Vandiver has been appointed postmaster at Vandiver, Alabama.

An effort is being made to hold a "Good Roads" convention at Anniston in the near future.

Our Columbiana banker, Gordon DuBose, attended the Bankers Convention at Atlanta last week, and took a prominent part in their proceedings.

Col. Warren S. Reese, of Montgomery, died suddenly of heart failure last Thursday. Col. Reese was twice Mayor of Montgomery and was one of that city's most enterprising citizens.

A farmer over in Georgia who had been holding his cotton for better prices, sold his entire crop of 300 bales at an all around price of 44 cents. Our experience is that it pays to sell cotton as fast as you can get it ready for market.

Rev. Frank G. Mullin, of Renfro, well known to many of our readers, has been called to the Baptist church at Oxana. The Advocate joins the Mountain Home in saying that the Oxana church "will have for pastor, a faithful minister and a warm-hearted christian gentleman."

The Mountain Home says that Dr. Sam W. Welch, of Alpine, is mentioned as a suitable man to represent Talladega county in the next legislature. The Advocate believes Dr. Welch would make a faithful representative of the people, and Talladega county could do much worse than send him to the legislature.

The Aldrich-Plowman contest case was argued before the elections committee last Friday. Col. Wm. Vaughan represented the contestant and Hon. Cecil Browne and Gen. Dudley the contestee. The committee will examine the evidence and will probably be ready to report by the last of January. There is very little doubt but that the committee will report in favor of the contestant.

Sylacauga is putting on city airs since she captured the Agricultural School. The city council recently levied a tax of \$50.00 on all telegraph and express companies having an office in that village. The result may be the closing of the offices mentioned, and the citizens have to get their messages and express packages from some other office. There is such a thing as killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

Some people are innocent enough to suppose that the democrats of Lowndes are remarkably liberal to the colored school children of that county by drawing money on a false enumeration for them. The school money of the state is divided in half—one-half to each race. Then the total enumeration of whites shares total sum for the whites and the total enumeration of the colored children is also equally divided, as with the whites. The county fund comprises what the total enumerated whites should have and also what the total enumeration of colored children would add. This money is given to the county superintendent to be paid out as shown, respectively, for the races. But in Lowndes, the total fund is divided in half, and each race gets one-half. As there are about four colored children to every white one, the white children of Lowndes get, relatively, 4 or 5 times as much as the white children in any white county. Several years ago a citizen of Mt. Willing, Lowndes county, took his part of the school fund and sent his daughter to college, and the sum nearly paid her tuition and board. The white child in a white county received less than a dollar the same year.—Alabama Monitor.

POPULISTS RESOLUTIONS.

They Tell What They Want
and What They Won't Have.

From The Atlanta Constitution.
Washington, December 15.—A caucus of the populist members of the house of representatives was held at the National hotel tonight. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, except that referring to the civil service:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that we will resist all efforts to so modify the existing civil service law as to enable any party that may be in power to fill the different positions in civil service with partisans.

Resolved, That we are opposed to and will resist all efforts to destroy our greenbacks and treasury notes, which are, by direct legislation or by the subterfuge of refusing to reissue the same except in exchange for gold.

Resolved, That we are opposed to any scheme of enlarging the powers of national banks; that we oppose the conferring of the power to issue notes designed to have the same functions as money to any bank, corporation or individual.

Resolved, That we favor the early consideration and passage of a joint resolution recognizing the independence of the Cuban republic.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the early passage of an equitable voluntary bankruptcy bill."

Cotton Growing Resolution.

The Columbus Enquirer is of opinion that agriculture by resolution is a failure. Speaking of the late cotton convention, The Enquirer says:

"It is a body of two or three dozen men, met together to resolve against the planting of too much cotton. These resolutions are very good so far as they go, but they do not go far enough, so long as the gentlemen who make them do not themselves live up to them. Like the congregation of rats, as related in the fable, they are convinced that the cat should be belled, but no one is willing to bell the cat. So these cotton growers' conventions resolve that the acreage in cotton must be decreased, but the members themselves display great uneasiness when a proposition is made for each to pledge himself to make certain reductions on his own farm."

Very earnest efforts are being made to make the slogan: "Organize the farmers and be saved." It would not do to say that it is not a good idea, for it is, if honestly and faithfully carried out in its purposes. But every time there is a short crop or short prices, everybody begins to holler out, "organize, farmers!" Organize for what? To plant less cotton? Everybody will do that who can, without any organization. If they organize to take into consideration all the causes which render farming unprofitable they are denounced; because when they begin to look for the causes, by analyzing the situation, they very soon get into the Alliance demands, and that is regarded as almost anarchistic. There is very little good to be derived by the farmers organizing to plant less cotton. That question is already settled.—Alabama Monitor.

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JACKSON'S COTTON.

Can be Obtained from J. C. Mayfield, Atlanta, Ga.

From The Atlanta Constitution.
Jackson Limbless Cotton has created more talk throughout the cotton growing world than all other varieties combined. There has been over five thousand people from nearly every state in the union to visit the farm of Mr. Jackson near this city, and they are unanimous in their opinion that it is the most wonderful and productive cotton in the world. Not a limb on it, it grows from 6 to 14 feet high, planted from 6 to 10 inches apart, rows from 3 to 4 feet wide and has from 40 to 100 bolls to the stalk, so anyone can see why it will make from 4 to 5 bales per acre. The staple is white and silky and much longer than common cotton, and brings a much higher price, and it can be ginned on all ordinary gins.

Yesterday a very prominent farmer from Mississippi said: "I have often heard cotton was king, but I never realized it so fully until today, when standing in the five-acre cotton patch on Mr. Jackson's farm."

Every farmer that goes to see it is impressed with the idea, not whether he wants to buy these seeds, but the fact he must do it to protect himself and make a success of raising cotton at present prices. This cotton patch is guarded day and night, but everybody has an invitation to come and see this wonderful cotton.

A syndicate of New York men have bought most of this cotton and they propose to plant every one of their seed.

J. W. Smith, who is Cashier of The First National Bank of Gainesville, Ga., has for sale some of the Jackson Limbless Cotton Seed at the following prices: Two hundred dollars per bushel, seven dollars per pound. They also put them up in packages of 200 select seed to each package, at one dollar per package, 6 packages for \$5.00, thirty-five packages for \$25, seventy-five packages for \$50.00, one hundred and sixty packages for \$100.00. All seed are put up with full directions for planting. He has adapted this plan of distributing the seed, so the merchants can order for their customers or anyone can make sixty dollars profit by selling 160 packages. With each box containing 160 packages of seed, he puts in one large photograph of the Jackson cotton patch with negroes picking it, and circulars giving the history about this wonderful cotton and testimonials from R. T. Nesbit, the Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia and J. S. Newman, formerly of the Agricultural department of Alabama, now of South Carolina they both having examined this cotton in the patch.

All seed will be delivered free at the above prices, so send for what you want at once, you can send check or postoffice order or registered letter to J. C. Mayfield, Manager, Atlanta, Ga., box 743. If your order is received after all seed is sold, your money will be returned free of cost to you. The seed will not be peddled out and parties wanting these seed can get them by ordering them direct from J. C. Mayfield. He has arranged with Mr. Jackson's son to superintend the packing and shipping of these seed.

There will no doubt be fakers's peddling cotton seed claiming them to be Jackson Limbless Cotton, so order at once for what you want.

In 1895, Mr. Jackson had only 57 stalks, this year the crop he raised would bring over one hundred thousand dollars. So you do not have to be rich to get a start. Now is the expected time, buy some of these seed. The first bale of this cotton sold on the Atlanta market November 23, for 10 cents per pound, the staple measured one and one-half inches long. See Atlanta Journal of that date, which gives a full account of the value and quality of the cotton, certified to by expert cotton men.

The State Convention.

Chairman Deans, of the Populist State Executive Committee, has called his committee to meet in the parlors of the Metropolitan Hotel at Birmingham, on Thursday, Dec. 30th, for the purpose of arranging a plan of campaign for next year.

To Prevent Yellow Fever.

No more certain cure exists for Malaria, Chills and Fever than Electric Bitters. If taken in time Yellow Fever may be averted. Try it at once and you may save a fatal sickness. Sold by all druggists.

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Double width, beautiful dress goods, regular 12 1/2 cent goods, a special sale for this week at 5
40 inches wide, solid colors, cashmere, Black, Blue and Green colors, they can not last long here, now at 8
Orange color, oil calico this week at 2 1/2
25 cents, all wool brown flannel at 10
The best yard-wide domestic at 4 1/2
Heavy 5 cents cotton checks, now 3
The best 8 cents Rescue Plaid for 5
Ten balls thread for 5
Assorted patterns of dark and light calico, now 3
200 yards machine thread at 2

Mens' handkerchiefs from 1 up
A new sample line of capes from \$1.25 to \$1.00
OUR PRICES IN SHOES:
Good everyday ladies shoes, now for 6
150 fine ladies shoes for 1 00
200 fine ladies shoes for 1 25
Fine laundred negligee shirts 21 up
Jeans Pants 35 up
Ladies seamless hose, foot color, black and tan at 7 1/2
25 envelopes and 23 sheets of paper for 5
Men's under shirts 15 up
Men's overshirts 20 up

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One dozen different styles of dolls, from 5 cents to \$2.00
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The Alabama Monitor, Capt. Frank Baltzell's paper, in order to meet the limited ability of farmers to subscribe, is offering to send the paper from receipt of subscription to 1st day of November 1898, for fifty cents, provided the subscription is received by the 15th of January. All persons whose subscriptions have expired can avail themselves of the special offer. Every farmer in the state ought to take the Monitor and his home paper. Send in your subscriptions.

An Accompanying Industry.

Tifton Gazette: Captain T. J. James is now grinding cane on his mammoth plantation near Adrain. The syrup is made in a large wooden vat, and there is no fire about it. Sixty-five gallons of syrup at one boiling. He has been grinding over a month and will be grinding a month longer. Captain James altogether will make about 18,000 gallons of syrup. He took up sixteen acres of cane for seed this fall.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at Hall Drug Co's Drug Store.

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Notice No. 19342.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., November 29, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbia, Ala., on January 20th, 1898, viz: John E. McDonald, Homestead entry, No. 25,392, for the E 1/4 of NE 1/4, section 24, township 20 south of range 1 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph M. Renshaw, William L. Bentley, Monroe Vick, Allen A. Ray, all of Lewis, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 19284.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., November 15, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbia, Ala., on December 24, 1897, viz: Daniel D. Draper, Homestead entry, No. 28,812, for the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 12, Tp. 20 south of range 2 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Pomp Foust, Frank Douglas, George Harless, all of Pelham, Ala., Arthur Hand, of Helena, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Probate Notice.
State of Alabama, Probate Court, Shelby County.
Estate of William Booth, deceased. Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of October 1897, by the Hon. D. R. McMillan, Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.
E. F. VEST, Administrator.

Notice No. 19285.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., November 10, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbia, Ala., on December 23, 1897, viz: Thomas R. White, Homestead entry, No. 24,228, for the N 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 6, Tp. 21 south of range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Henderson, Columbus Benton, John Harmon, Sidney W. Nicholas, all of Bond, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 19286.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., November 10, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbia, Ala., on December 23, 1897, viz: Sidney W. Nicholas, Homestead entry, No. 24,880, for the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 6, Tp. 21 south of range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Henderson, Columbus Benton, John Harmon, Thomas R. White, all of Bond, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order issued from the Circuit Court of Shelby County, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell, in front of the Court House, in the town of Columbiana, on the 20th day of December, 1897, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to-wit:
One lot in the town of Vincent, known as the Biber, Mill & Gin lot, also the south east quarter of north east quarter, of section 20, township 19, range 2 east, situated in Shelby County, Ala.
Levied upon as the property of N. C. Biber, to satisfy said E. F. Vest, in my hands in favor of J. F. Pope & Co. This 16th day of November, 1897.
E. F. VEST, Sheriff.

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July 15, 19.

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Caring for the Teeth.
Do not eat, or do not feed your children on, white bread, which is deficient in phosphates and causes the teeth to crumble. A little hard food requiring thorough mastication should be taken at every meal. The teeth should be brushed both night and morning. Avoid sweets. Drink at least two quarts of water a day—a glass the first thing in the morning, another the last thing before going to bed, the remaining quantity between meals. Consult a good dentist about every six months.—*La Jolla Home Journal.*

Strange Death of Three Brothers.
At Clomere, in France, three brothers named Mose, all over 80 years old, have just died on alternate days in a very strange manner. The first was found Monday in a cellar half eaten by rats. The second was found Wednesday in a stable under a heap of potatoes, and the eldest, living at Flavac, was discovered two days later dead under his bed.

It is a rare man who commends; men like to tell how it should have been done.

Some thoughtful soul-proposers to bring the Chicago cable lines to terms by showering pennies upon the conductors until they cry for quarter—or quarters. We feel sure that Mr. Yerkes will watch this attempt to overwhelm his railway with money with great interest. If the present cars prove inadequate to haul the coppers away probably additional cars will be put on.

Three of the most valuable products of the mine have been found in Alaska—gold, petroleum and coal. All of these minerals are found there in abundance. The purchase of Alaska was regarded somewhat as acquiring "a pig in a poke" at a pretty stiff price, but the pig is turning out to be a very promising prospect.

What is Tetterine?
It is a fragrant, unctuous ointment of great soothing and healing power. It is good for Eczema, Ringworm, Erythema and all roughness of the skin. It stops itching at once and if persistently used will positively cure even the worst of chronic cases. 25 cents at a drug store or by mail from J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

A lost opportunity seldom finds its way back.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is a powerful internal medicine, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. C. Hall & Co., Toledo, O.

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I believe Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my boy's life last summer.—Mrs. ALICE DOUGLASS, Le Roy, Mich., Oct. 20, 1897.

The Sandwich Islanders believe that the souls of their deceased monarchs reside in the ravens, and they entreat Europeans not to molest them.

Use "C.C.C." Certain Chili Cure.
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Deacon Jonathan Hayes, who would the first wife make ever made, lives in Middlebury Springs, Vt., at the age of 80, in perfect health, and can read without glasses.

To Cure in One Day.

Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Chinese brides of high station frequently do not see their husbands until the red veils are lifted at the marriage ceremony.

Chew Star Tobacco—The Best.

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A greater number of men than women become stout late in life. No satisfactory explanation is offered of this fact.

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Indigestion Causes Spasms—Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures.

"I have always been troubled with a weak stomach and had spasms caused by indigestion. I have taken several bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and have not been bothered with spasms and I advise anyone troubled with dyspepsia to take Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. HORROR, Prattsville, New York.

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ALABAMA GLEANINGS.

Pertinent Paragraphs of the Late News of the State.

Conference in Session.

The South Alabama Conference is now in session at Union Springs, Bishop Galloway presiding. There is a full attendance of ministers.

Assessment Rejected.

At a special term of the commissioners' court of Coosa county, the assessments of Tax Commissioner Walden against the ginners of the county on the toll cotton received was rejected.

School Census Settled.

The school census for Lowndes county, about which there has been so much comment as to the enormous figures as compared with former years, has been retaken, and found to be 13,736, instead of 20,654, as was sent in by the county superintendent of education that of that county.

An Electric Light Plant.

At a meeting of the city council of Birmingham a resolution was adopted creating a special committee, composed of one alderman from each ward, and the mayor as ex-officio chairman, to examine into the cost of an electric light plant, with a view to the city erecting one and operating it on its own account.

Murdered for His Money.

Gilmore Edwards, lampfighter in the Louisville & Nashville yards at Boyle, four miles north of Birmingham, was murdered and robbed by an unknown person. Edwards was making a tour through the yards when he was shot from the darkness. The robber failed to get \$41 which Edwards had sewed up in his watch pocket.

A Good Showing.

John Case, the new tax collector of Mobile county, paid into the state treasury \$20,000 collections since December 1, state taxes, which, added to former remittances of this year's collections, makes the sum of \$82,000. Mr. E. B. Loft, his predecessor, paid into the treasury for the same period last year \$8,497, a difference in favor of Case of \$73,503.

Decree of Foreclosure.

In the United States court at Birmingham, Judge Borman rendered a decree of foreclosure and sale in the case of the Central Trust company, of New York, vs. the United States Car company. The court appointed J. A. W. Smith special master, who is ordered to advertise the sale, if the amount of the indebtedness, \$2,019,552.48, is not paid in ten days.

Found Beside Railroad Track.

Late Friday night C. R. Hicks, a railroad man, was found bruised and unconscious beside the railroad tracks, near Montgomery. When he had been resuscitated he related that he had endeavored to catch an outgoing south bound freight on the Louisville and Nashville railroad with \$395 in cash in his pockets. His money was gone and he could not account for its loss or his injury.

Another Candidate.

Prof. Edward L. Patton has announced as a candidate for state superintendent of education from Elmore county, subject to the action of the democratic party. Professor Patton has for two years identified himself as specially interested in reforming our school system. He was among the first to call for a constitutional convention for the purpose of bettering the public school system. For two years his articles on educational topics have appeared in many of the state papers.

Former Sheriff Short in Account.

Examiner of Public Accounts Purify Thursday filed his report with the governor on his investigation of the sheriff's office of Lee county under the administration of W. B. Gibson, late sheriff of that county, which shows a shortage of almost \$2,000, summed up as follows: Fees for removing prisoners, collected from defendants on conviction, \$85.99. For solicitors' fees unaccounted for, \$53. For feeding prisoners in jail, and to which he was not legally entitled \$1,642. Total, \$1,780.99.

Col. Warren S. Reese Dead.

Col. Warren S. Reese, twice mayor of Montgomery, and one of that city's most popular, most enterprising and most valuable citizens, died Thursday night from the effects of heart failure. He had been in excellent health until the previous day, when he was taken sick. He drove to his home in his carriage, and Thursday morning appeared to be improved in condition, but after midnight a relapse set in and he died.

Thieves Secured \$900.

One of the boldest and most sensational robberies that every occurred in that section took place eight miles below Abbeville Thursday night. At about 1 o'clock a man called at the house of Westley Bodford and claimed that his mule had run away and severely injured his companion, and asked for some one to assist him. One Bodford, responded to the call and followed the man. When about three hundred yards below the house the first one dropped behind and another man sprang out of the bushes and told him to hold Etheridge up. One placed a pistol in Etheridge's face and the other tied his hands. They then led him back to the house, and, waking old man Bodford, told him that they wanted the money in his safe. The safe was opened and the men secured \$900.

Cotton Growers' Convention.

The governor has appointed the following named gentlemen delegates to the Southern Cotton Growers' Convention at Memphis next week:

Messrs. W. H. Lawson, M. C. Scott, Joel Barnett, Jess Adams, Montgom-

ery, Major Thomas W. Oliver, Mitty-Leno; T. P. Hudson, Opelika; Colonel N. N. Clements, Tuskegee; J. R. Mc-Lendon, Natchez; J. C. Killebrew, Newton; C. A. B. Edwards, Crittenden Mills; John Minge, Fausdale; W. P. Campbell, Florence; Isaac O. Mason, Columbiana; William M. Hammond, Gadsden; Captain C. C. Swope, Courtland; M. B. Hampton, Leighton; W. R. Prior, Quind Nune; Dr. Henry McDonald, General Samuel H. Moore, Huntsville; Henry Warton, Athens; J. C. Hanes, Sheffield.

DR. CURRY'S REPORT.

Recognizes the Ability of One of Alabama's Educational Lights.

In his annual report to the trustees of the Peabody educational fund, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, the general agent, wrote under date of October 1, 1897, in part, as follows:

"The Florence Normal College has lost its vigorous and able president, James K. Powers, LL. D., who has been transferred to the State University. Under his administration the college has had a remarkable growth, and now numbers 310 pupils. In a letter to the governor, Dr. Mayo says: 'I can honestly say that, in all my experience in the south, I have seen no state normal which seems to me to have more completely grasped the true idea of that style of school, or more completely carried it out, than the one at Florence. I have never seen in any state as much good work done for so small a sum of money as I see here at the state normal.'"

The Florence Times, speaking of Dr. Powers, says: In his success at Florence there is promise, very great promise, of success at the University under Dr. J. K. Powers. The Normal College succeeded by doing what it was intended to do. It did not attempt to turn out Bachelors or Masters or Doctors. It trained teachers. To that end all of its energies and resources were devoted. Its teachers were selected with special reference to the work they were to do. They were specialists. Again, none of the funds were wasted. Every dollar was made to bring the best possible return, either in outfit or service. To do all this required great industry and patient attention to detail.

It is confidently expected that the same qualities will command like success at the University. It may require time, it will, to accomplish all that is desired. And when the ideals of the present are accomplished facts, there will doubtless be others in advance to aim for. This is the condition of all development. Just as a Normal was developed here to meet the conditions in Alabama, a University may be expected to adapt itself to meet the conditions incident to its environment.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

A new railroad is to be built from Dogwood to the Montevallo coal mines.

Twice the usual amount of wheat has been sown in the neighborhood of Guntersville.

The city council of Gurley has raised the license for saloons to \$2,000. Gurley will be dry hereafter.

The Hot Blast claims that the population of Anniston has increased more than 2,000 in two months.

The trial of Sheriff Carson, at Florence, charged with habitual drunkenness, has been set for January 11.

The Montgomery, Hayneville and Camden railroad is considered a certainty, and in a short time work will be begun.

M. S. McKee, a young farmer of Lowndes county, shot and killed a negro Friday who had attacked him with a knife.

The first Chautauqua ever arranged for by the negroes of the South will meet in Birmingham December 30 to January 3, inclusive.

The grading on the Atlanta and Alabama Air-Line has now progressed about eight miles from Selma and is moving steadily ahead.

Birmingham received 10,920 bales of cotton during November. Up to December 16, the total receipts for the season were 73,471 bales.

Birmingham is to have a horse show in February under the auspices of the Southern Breeders, Riding and Driving association. Valuable premiums will be awarded.

The friends of Jacob Schwed, the Wall street broker who died in his room in a hotel at Montgomery from the effects of a drug, insist that his death was accidental rather than suicidal.

A murder in Jefferson county occurred in slope No. 3 of Pratt mines. Arthur Jackson was run through with a pick in the hands of Will Hillard, who made his escape. The encounter took place 4,000 feet below the earth's surface.

Arguments in the contested elections case of Aldrich vs. Plovman, Fourth Alabama district was heard before election committee No. 1 Friday. The committee will probably hold a meeting early in January and consider the evidence, and a report cannot be expected until late in the month.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Furloughs for the Holidays—December 23 to January 2.

On requests from parents or guardians, students will receive leaves of absence from Thursday afternoon, December 23, through January 2 following. This will enable all who so desire to spend both Christmas and New Year at their homes.

January 3 will be a good time for new students to enter, as in many departments new subjects begin on that day. Such will receive a cordial welcome to the University.

For announcement with further particulars apply to

JAMES K. POWERS, President University Alabama.

More Wages Reduced.

The directors of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company, of Manchester, N. H., at a meeting held at the Boston office of the company Friday, voted to reduce the wages of its employees about 10 per cent on January 1. The Amoskeag plant is one of the largest engaged in the manufacture of cotton in the country, and employs between 8,000 and 9,000 people.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

The Senate—Wednesday.

Proceedings of the senate were continued today by an interesting debate upon the bill presented by the foreign relations committee providing for the prohibition of pelagic sealing by Americans. Mr. Davis, of the foreign relations committee, called up the bill prohibiting fur sealing in the waters of the North Pacific and presented letters from Secretaries Sherman, of the state department, and Gage, of the treasury department on the subject, advocating the passage of the proposed measure. Mr. Davis said the bill was in the aid of furthering diplomatic negotiations and pointed out that there was now no law prohibiting pelagic sealing. Mr. Pettigrew entered a sharp protest to the passage of the bill because it deprives Americans of privileges extended to people of other countries, and offered an amendment to the effect that if Great Britain by the first of June next did not agree to a suspension of pelagic sealing, this country would kill all seals, male and female, and thus settle the question once for all. Mr. Pettigrew then offered an amendment to the bill in line with his remarks, but it was defeated. The bill was then passed by a vote of 37 to 14. By agreement the bill providing for the twelfth census was taken up, but went over until after the holiday recess. Mr. McBride, of Oregon, endeavored to secure the adoption of his resolution directing the secretary of war to supply relief to the suffering miners in the Klondike region and appropriating \$250,000 for that purpose. The resolution was amended so that supplies might be transported by means of reindeer. Mr. McBride contended finally that the resolution should be recommitted to the military affairs committee with the understanding that it would be promptly reported.

The House.

The House spent the day in the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Eighty-nine of the 112 pages of the bill were covered and only one amendment of importance was adopted. It reduced the clerical force at the pension office ninety-five, involving a reduction in salaries of \$115,000. The civil service question, as on yesterday, was the chief topic of discussion today. At the opening this morning a resolution for the holiday recess from Saturday, December 18, to January 5, offered by Mr. Dingley, from the committee on ways and means, was adopted. Mr. Livingston submitted some general remarks in opposition to the civil service law, which he denounced as a lumbago and a fraud. He was followed by Messrs. Dearmond, Bingham and Wheeler, and at 5:05 the House adjourned.

The Senate—Thursday.

Mr. Allen's resolution calling on the president for information about the instructions given to the international arbitration commission and the report made to him by the commission came up, to which Mr. Wolcott, chairman of the commission, replied that he would soon make a detailed statement of the commission. The resolution went over until January 15. Mr. Pritchard, chairman of the committee on civil service, delivered a speech concerning the general features of the law. Mr. Frye, of the commerce committee, favorably reported and the senate passed a bill directing the secretary of the treasury to purchase or construct a suitable vessel for revenue cutter service on the Yukon river, Alaska, to cost not to exceed \$40,000. Mr. Allison reported favorably the house joint resolution providing for a recess of congress from December 18, 1897, to January 5, 1898. The resolution was adopted. Mr. Hawley reported the resolution of Mr. McBride, for the relief of American miners and other sufferers in the Yukon valley, Alaska. The committee struck out all but the enacting clause and amended the resolution by appropriating \$250,000, which is to be used by the secretary of war for the purchase of subsistence and supplies, and for their transportation and distribution. The resolution was adopted. A resolution was passed directing the secretary of the treasury to furnish the names of the average cutters employed on the coast of Florida to prevent smuggling; how many such expeditions were thwarted; what vessels were captured; what armed expeditions were taken, and by what authority of law the secretary of the treasury acted in the matter. The bill went over to a future date. Adjourned.

The House.

The house today passed a bill appropriating \$175,000 for the relief of the people of the Yukon river country, and also the bill passed by the senate yesterday to prohibit pelagic sealing by American citizens. In the course of the debate over the latter bill there was some exceedingly caustic criticism of the course of our Behring sea negotiations, past and present. After further debate, the bill was passed, yeas 148, nays 78. 5 o'clock the house adjourned.

The Senate—Friday.

A spirited debate was precipitated in the senate today by the submission by Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, of the report of the special joint committee of the senate and house of representatives, appointed to investigate the use of alcohol in the arts. It developed that a wide divergence of opinion exists among senators as to the practicability from the point of view of government revenue of reducing the present tax upon alcohol used in the arts. Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, who favors such a reduction, expressed the opinion that if congress would lay aside political considerations and deal with the liquor question conscientiously and honestly by the imposition of an additional tax of a dollar a barrel on liquor and beer the government revenue would take care of itself. Mr. Vest, of Missouri, strenuously opposed any additional tax on beer. Under a special order eighteen private pension bills were passed. At the suggestion of Mr. Hawley, chairman of the military affairs committee, the bill passed by the house for the relief of the miners in the Klondike was taken up at once. The senate bill was substituted for that of the house and a conference ordered, with Senators Hawley, Carter and

Cockrell as conferees. After the debate on alcohol used in the arts had run some time, Mr. Allison deprecated any attempt to raise the question at present. At 4:25 p. m. the senate adjourned until tomorrow.

The House.

The house today completed the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, excepting the paragraph relating to the civil service. By agreement, the debate on this latter paragraph will go over until after the holidays. The bill as reported abolishes the assay office at New Orleans. The house then went into committee of the whole and re-considered the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bill. On Mr. Cannon's motion, the senate amendment to the bill for the relief of the miners on the Upper Yukon was disagreed to and its committee agreed to a conference. Messrs. Cannon, of Illinois; Northway, of Ohio, and Sayers, of Texas, were appointed conferees. The debate drifted into a financial discussion. Mr. Cox, of Tennessee, submitted that Secretary Gage's testimony, given before the house banking committee, was a frank statement of the position of the government. He had voted his adherence to the gold standard as against bimetalism, and his whole bill was designed to uphold and perpetuate that standard. Adjourned.

The Senate—Saturday.

Today's open session of the senate was brief, the time being consumed in the introduction of bills and resolutions, several of the latter calling for information from various departments being passed. A joint resolution was passed providing for the expenditure of \$10,000 more than originally intended upon the government building at the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha, Neb.; that \$2,500 be appropriated for a building at the exposition for a display of the life-saving service and that the cost of the government display be reduced from \$150,000 to \$137,500, the entire cost of the government buildings at the exposition to \$62,500. Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, secured the adoption of a resolution, calling upon the secretary of the interior to report to the senate the present status in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations in the Indian Territory. The senate, at 12:40 p. m., went into executive session. After the executive session the conference report upon the bill providing relief for the Klondike miners was received and adopted. The bill appropriates \$100,000 to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war to relieve the suffering people in the Yukon valley and gold-bearing regions of Alaska, providing the consent of the Canadian government can be obtained to the transportation of such supplies through Canadian territory. At 2 p. m. the senate adjourned until Wednesday, January 6, 1898.

The House.

The conference report to the emergency relief measure for the Klondike country was presented and agreed to. It compromises the amount of the relief fund at \$200,000; provides security for the consent of Canada to extending the relief to the Canadian side, and authorizes the use of the army to carry out the relief measures. It also provides that the supplies must be purchased instead of being donated. A house bill was passed confirming certain cash entries of public lands. At 12:30 Mr. Boutelle, of Illinois, offered resolutions of profound regret on the death of Mr. Cooke, of Illinois, and eulogies were begun. Those who paid tribute to the deceased member were Messrs. Boutelle, Foss, Henderson, Belknap, Boyce, Mann, Hopkins, Dinwiddie, Graff, Moody, Prinn and Peters. At 2:10 the house adjourned to January 6.

LETTERS MADE PUBLIC.

Concerning the Seal Question Between the United States and Canada.

The correspondence which has passed between Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Canadian premier, and General Foster, the American negotiator, since the Washington conference, last month, has been made public. It consists of letters. In the first dated Ottawa, November 24, Sir Wilfred says he is willing to enter at once upon a review of the whole seal question, but declines, however, to suspend sealing operations on the ground that the fleet would be dissipated and the seal would be lost. The other letter is addressed to Sir Wilfred, and dated Washington, December 4. General Foster says Sir Wilfred's letter is a declaration of his proposition and a renewal of the Canadian proposition at the conference and the president declines to revise his decision on that point.

Signals Failed, Death Results.

A collision occurred on the Greenwood branch of the Missouri Pacific, ten miles from Fort Smith, Ark., in which Mrs. E. A. Hollenback, of Jenny Lind, was instantly killed, and four passengers injured. A coal train was following the passenger, and the latter was stopped to cool off a hot box. The torpedo signals failed to do their work, and the engine of the coal train telescoped the rear coach of the passenger.

Asked to Co-Operate.

The Atlanta Clearing House Association held an important meeting Friday at which resolutions were adopted urging all chambers of commerce, clearing houses and bankers' associations of the southern states to take prompt action looking to carrying out the plans recently proposed at the bankers' convention held in Atlanta, to send a delegation to Washington to co-operate with those who are seeking a reformation of the currency and banking system.

To Please His Second Wife.

William Carr, the child murderer, was hanged at the Clay county court house at Liberty, Mo., Friday. Carr was an ignorant backwoodsman who sought to please his second wife by drowning his 3-year-old daughter by his first wife.

C. B. Collins, ex-state treasurer of Florida, was acquitted of the embezzlement of \$52,000. The defendant did not deny that he was short that sum but declared that there was no intent to defraud. Banks in which he had deposited state funds failed.

Cause of Much Misery.
Of all microbes the animalcule of la grippe is the ugliest to look upon. Magnified to the size of the picture here shown, this microbe has the appearance of a new kind of bug—all legs and body. Suffering mortals who have been sneezing, sniffing and mopping watery eyes will be interested in a GRIPPE MICROBE. To see the cause of their trouble. This microbe is industrious, if not pretty, and he will continue to be much in evidence unless all present indications fail.

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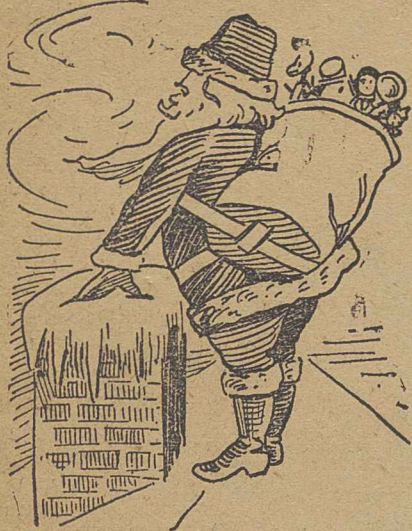
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ANNIE AND WILLIE'S PRAYER.

"Twas the eve before Christmas; 'Good-night' had been said, And Annie and Willie had crept into bed; There were tears on their pillows and tears in their eyes, And each little bosom was heavy with sighs, For to-night their stern father's command had been given, That they must retire precisely at seven. Instead of eight, for they troubled him more With questions unheard of than ever before, He told them he thought this delusion a sin, No such thing as 'Santa Claus' ever had been, And he hoped, after this, he should never more hear How he scrambled down chimneys with presents each year. And this is the reason why two little heads So restlessly tossed on their soft, downy beds.

Eight, nine, and the clock on the steeple tolled ten— Not a word had been spoken by either till then; When Willie's sad face from the blanket did peep, And whispered, 'Dear Annie, is you fast asleep?' 'Why, no, brother Willie,' a sweet voice replied, 'I've tried in vain, but I can't shut my eyes; For somehow it makes me so sorry because Dear papa said there is no Santa Claus; Now we know there is, and it can't be denied, For he came every year before mamma said so. But then I've been thinking that she used to pray, And God would hear everything mamma would say, And perhaps she asked him to send Santa Claus here With the sacks full of presents he brought every year.' 'Well, why can't we play dead as mamma did then, And ask him to send him with presents each year?' 'I've been thinking so, too,' and without a word more Four little feet bounded out on the floor, And four little knees the soft carpet pressed, And two tiny hands were clasped close to each breast.

"Now, Willie, you know we must firmly believe That the presents we ask for we're sure to receive. You must wait just as still till I say amen, And by that you will know that your turn has come then." Dear Jesus, look down on my brother and me, And grant us the favor we're asking of Thee: I want a nice book full of pictures, a ring, A writing desk, too, that shuts with a spring, Bless papa, dear Jesus, and cause him to see That Santa Claus loves us as much even as he; Don't let him get fretful and angry again At dear brother Willie and Annie, amen." "Please, Jesus, let Santa Claus come down to-night, And bring us some presents before it is light. I want he should give me a bright little box, Full of acorns, some other nice blocks, And a bag full of candy, a book and a toy, Amen, and then, Jesus, I'll be a good boy." Their prayers being ended, they raised up their heads, And with hearts light and cheerful again sought their beds; They were soon lost in slumber—both peaceful and deep, And with fairies in dreamland were roaming in sleep.

Eight, nine and the little French clock had struck ten Ere the father had thought of his children again; He seems now to hear Annie's half-smothered sighs, And to see the big tears standing in Willie's blue eyes. "I was harsh with my darlings," he mentally said, "And should not have sent them so early to bed. But when I was troubled—my feelings found vent, For bank stock to-day has gone down ten per cent. But of course they'd forgot their troubles ere this, But then I denied them the thrice asked-for kiss; But just to make sure I'll steal up to the door, For I never spoke harsh to my darlings before."

So saying he softly ascended the stairs, And arriving at their door heard both of their prayers. His Annie's "bless papa" draws forth the big tears, And Willie's grave promise falls sweet on his ears. "Strange, strange, I've forgotten," said he with a sigh, "How I longed when a child to have Christmas draw nigh. I'll atone for my harshness," he inwardly said, "By answering their prayer, ere I sleep in my bed." Then he turned to the stairs and softly went down, Threw off velvet slippers and silk dressing gown, Donned hat, coat and boots, and was out in the street— A millionaire facing the cold winter sleet; He first went to a wonderful "Santa Claus" store (He knew it, for he'd passed it the day before), And there he found crowds on the sunny errand as he, Making purchase of presents, with glad heart and free, Nor stopped ere he had bought everything From a box full of candy to a tiny gold ring. Indeed, he kept adding so much to his store That the various presents outnumbered a score! Then homeward he turned with his holiday load, And with Aunt Mary's aid in the nursery (Twas stored), Mrs. Dolly was seated beneath a pine tree, By the side of a table spread out for a tea; A willow desk then, the centre was laid.

And on it a ring for which Annie had prayed; Four acorns painted in yellow and red, Stood with a block house on a beautiful sled; There were balls, dogs and horses, books pleasing to see And bits of all colors were perched in the tree; While Santa Claus, laughing, stood up in the top, As if getting ready for more presents to drop; And as the fond father the picture surveyed He thought for his trouble he had amply been paid; And he said to himself as he brushed off a tear, "I'm happier to-night than I have been for a year. I've enjoyed more true pleasure than ever before, At the gift bank stock falls ten per cent. more! Hereafter I'll make it a rule, I believe, To have Santa Claus visit us each Christmas Eve."

So thinking he gently extinguished the light, And tripped downstairs to retire for the night. As soon as the beams of the bright morning sun Put the darkness to flight and the stars one by one, Four little blue eyes out of sleep opened wide, And at the same moment the presents espied. Then out of their beds they sprang with a bound, The very girls prayed for were all of them found; They laughed and they cried in their innocent glee, And shouted for papa to come quick and see What presents old Santa Claus had brought them, (Just the things they had wanted) and left before light.

"And now," said Annie, in a voice soft and low, "You'll believe there's a Santa Claus, papa, While dear little Willie climbed up on his knee, Determined no secret between them should be told, And told, in soft whispers, how Annie had said, That their dear, blessed mamma, so long Used to kneel down and pray by the side of her chair, And that God, up in heaven, had answered 'Then we dot up and prayed dust as well as we could, And God answered our prayers; now wasn't He good?' 'I should say that He was if He sent you all these, And know just what presents my children would please (Well, well, let him think so, the dear little elf, 'Twas cruel to tell him I did it myself.)"

Blind father, who caused your stern heart to relent, And the hasty word spoken so soon to repent? 'Twas the being who bade you steal softly up stairs, And made you His agent to answer their prayers."

—Sophia P. Snow.

LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE.

BY FLAVEL SCOTT MINES.



IGHT merrily blazed the yule log in the square open fire place, and the dark oak panels of the little room caught and threw back again in softer light of the red flames. The room was filled with the rosy glow, and black shadows danced in time to the flickering firelight on the floor and walls. At times the fierce wind outside blew down the chimney a shower of snow which fell with a sizzle upon the crackling log, but the flames only burned the brighter as though determined to outdo the Christmas storm, and the noise of the gale was lost in the merry splutter and crack of the fire.

Before the log sat a youth and maiden, and for a little time they sat in silence reading their future in the red coals; and neither told the other of their dream each felt that their future was the same. Suddenly the young man turned toward the girl, "I bought a bit of mistletoe today," he said; "do you know the origin of its use? Shall I tell you the story?"

She looked at him dreamily. "Yes," she answered, her lips scarcely moving. "And will you promise not to interrupt?"

"Yes," was the low reply. He laid the green spray with its crimson berries upon his brown curls, and bending near her began: "Baldur, the son of Odin, the old Norse god, was called the Good because of his kind and loving nature, and wherever he went among the gods or men he was received with the kiss of peace. The young man hesitated a moment, then he caught sight of the green spray that crowned the fair face of the girl and he was emboldened. 'Like this,' he whispered. He waited a moment and then seeing the brown eyes turned inquiringly toward him he continued, 'But Baldur in his dreams was warned that his life was in peril, so he called the gods together and giving them the kiss of peace—the gods were numbered by the score,' he explained, 'and you promised not to interrupt. He told them of his fears and they resolved to do all in their power to prevent the calamity. Frigg, the wife of Odin, made all things on earth swear not to injure him, but she overlooked the mistletoe, which she thought too puny. She did not know its power as I do. All right, I'll continue. After this Baldur used to supply all the fun for the gods, who would throw all sorts of things at him and improve their aim because they knew he could not be harmed. And Baldur used to return a kiss for each blow, and if he got hit six times he would give six like this. But Loki, that unpleasant fellow whom no one used to ever kiss, (like this) learned that the mistletoe

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had taken no oath, so he got a little spray and sharpened it and then went to watch the fun. There was an old blind god called Hodur who couldn't see, and Baldur because he couldn't see him, and Loki went up to him and whispered, 'Don't you want to hit Baldur and get a kiss? (like this) and Hodur said 'Yes.' So Loki gave him the mistletoe and guided his throw and Baldur was pierced through and he fell dead, and he couldn't kiss anybody any more, (like this) and everybody was stricken with sorrow. So after trying to get back his life they gave up the job and laid him on his ship, placed a spray of mistletoe over his head and all the Valkyrs, a lot of pretty girls who used to be messenger boys for the gods, came and kissed him, (like this—and this) and that is why on Christmas eve anybody can kiss anybody else (like this) if they only have a spray of mistletoe over their head."

"What has Christmas Eve got to do with it?" asked the maiden, reaching for the spray in her hat. As she said it she started. "Oh, Tom!" she cried, "these berries are red! How could you make such a mistake? All your time wasted and—"

The young man looked perplexed. How had he failed, he wondered? The results of mistletoe could not have been different. He was about to ask when the girl started to her feet and like a frightened spirit passed through the portieres. Was she displeased, and was this his dismissal? As he pondered thus a hand thrust aside the curtains and a face that was rosy as the glowing coals looked shyly through.

"Tom," she faltered, "you know that holly didn't count—holly never does. It wasn't fair, so—so—I've got a piece of real mistletoe. Now tell me all about Baldur."—Munsey.

The Yule Log.

In some parts of Germany the Yule log is placed on the hearth on Christmas Eve, and, if possible, kept burning for two or three days. Then a piece of it is laid aside for the purpose of lighting the next year's log and of guarding the household from harm. Pieces of fir-wood charred, but not quite burnt out in the Christmas fire, are also placed under the family bed in some German villages to avert the dreaded lightning stroke, which appears in this relation to be the type of fire in its evil aspect, in contradistinction from the solar orb, the representative of beneficent light and warmth. The custom of burning a Yule log for three days and nights in each household is almost certainly a survival from the altaration once offered to the sun at the winter solstice.

Three centuries after the Christian era sun worship was still maintained in Brittany; and in Normandy, not more than a hundred years ago, the household fire was extinguished on December 24, and the Christmas log was ignited by the aid of a flame procured from the lamp burning in the neighboring church. This fact affords a curious instance of the probable transference of respect and reverence from the sacred fire of a purely heathen creed to the ecclesiastical lights of Catholicism. When the pagan rites for procuring unextinguished fire were forbidden, or fell into desuetude, the ideas to which they owed their origin and development, instead of perishing, continued to exist more or less perfectly, by attaching themselves to usages and ceremonies having no direct association with them.—Gentleman's Magazine.

The Yule Log.

When the yule log burns upon the hearth, With carol, chime and Christmas cheer, A fire should kindle in each soul To gladden all the coming year. A flame to brighten heart and home, And shine as well for other eyes, For by good deeds which still glow on When dim and cold the yule log lies.

No life so poor but it may know A spark of this divinest fire, No life so beautiful and rich But still, flame-like, it may aspire. The log kindle far and wide To burn on every happy hearth, Fit symbols of the faith and love That purify and bless the earth. —Louisa M. Alcott.

Growth of American Christmas Customs.

America has welcomed and adopted the Christmas tree with cordial affection and treated it as if it were a product of her own inventive brain. Transplanted to the United States by the early Dutch settlers of New York and by the Germans who established themselves in Pennsylvania, it grew and flourished as it did in its native soil. Its advance was slow, but in 1830 the Christmas tree had become a fixed factor in the holiday celebrations, not only in families of direct German descent, but among that composite population called American. Small cedar trees were first used, and were called "Christmas bushes." They were decorated with rosy apples, paper flowers, a few small candles, gilded nuts and "Christmas cakes." This last confession seems to be entirely out of date. It took the form of small horses, dogs, cows, hearts and diamonds, and was a combination of flour and water paste and white and colored sugar frosting. Even by those who recall the Christmas cake with fondest recollection it is admitted to have been rather a delight to the eye than a joy to the palate or the digestion.

As years went on, and the young nation grew older and richer and the life of the people more luxurious and complex, the "Christmas bushes," with their paper flowers, and "Christmas cakes," developed into a tree, which is often an elaborate and expensive affair.

But it is not in civilized or Christian lands alone that this wonderful Christmas tree grows. Missionaries have planted it in China, in Japan, in India, Africa, in the islands of the sea, so that yellow, brown and black faces, as well as white, gaze up at it with delight.—New York Mail and Express.

Cakes For Christmas.

In the United States Americans of German origin still imitate the ways of their Fatherland, and make particular cakes for the Christmas holidays, and so follow the ideas of their forefathers. The Puritan rather frowned down such little matters. Early New England, however, retained something like the plum pudding and the Christmas pastries. There are, however, not many special survivals of special food to be consumed on particular religious festivals in the United States. In old England, long after the Reformation, on certain days cake was distributed in churches, and penny loaves were thrown from church towers, to be scrambled for. Hot cross buns are barely in vogue in the United States. Once St. Valentine's Day was celebrated in England by the sending of cakes. Fancy cards and stationary are modern innovations.

Hanging the Holly.

The English holly is finer in quality than that grown on American shores. The leaves are a better green and the berries larger, and before the holiday season sets in great hampers of it are shipped from the English ports to delight American eyes and hearts.

An attractive manner of using it is to tie big bunches with long satin ribbon loops and ends, matching in shade the hue of the berries, and place them over pictures or mantel-shelf, or fasten against the wall, especially in some picturesque nook or corner. Underneath the mantel, when there is no fireplace, the space may be banked with masses of the spiny leaves and bright berries; jars or vases may be filled with them, while holly wreaths and ropes are another form of decoration, very effective in both large and small apartments.

Can't Suit Everybody.

Jowler—"You've been rolling pretty high for a good while, Bowler. Now, that it's New Year, why don't you resolve to settle down?"

Bowler—"Now just see! You want me to start in with the New Year and settle down, and here's a lot of chaps writing me and wanting to know if I wouldn't be a good time for me to settle up! What's a fellow going to do, anyhow?"

QUIPS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Good Santa Claus may well grow wild, and go out on a strike, if every woman, man and child insist they want a bike.—Judge.

Buy up the Christmas books liberally, and next year the authors will get royalties enough to dine at a restaurant.—Atlanta Constitution.

"Papa," said Tommy, "do you think Santa Claus would be offended if I put a note into the chimney and told him in which toy store they kept the best fire engines?"—Harper's Bazar.

Mrs. Sumatra—"I do wish I could get my husband to swear off smoking for a while." Mrs. Stogie—"Why don't you give him a box of cigars for Christmas?"—Philadelphia North American.

He—"I mean to give you an elegant engagement ring, and we'll call it your Christmas present." She—"I'm not to be outdone in generosity. I'll give it right back again."—Detroit Free Press.

"Mamie got a diamond ring for her Christmas." "How did she get it?" "Hanging up her stockings." "Jack, of course?" "But how did Jack get it?" "Hanging up his watch."—Illustrated Monthly.

First Newsboy—"Goin' to hang up your stockin' Christmas Eve?" Second Newsboy—"Naw." First Newsboy—"Better do it. You might git 'em filled." Second Newsboy—"They're filled now." First Newsboy—"What with?" Second Newsboy—"Holes."—Cleveland Leader.

The approaching Christmas was under discussion in a Belvedere household. "What would you like Santa Claus to bring, little girl?" asked the papa of his small daughter. "I would like him to bring Christmas sooner," replied the maiden.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"What are you going to give George for Christmas?" "Well, I thought I'd work him something, but I'm so mad at what he said that I don't feel like giving him a thing." "What did he say?" "He said he hoped I wouldn't spoil my eyes and rack my brain trying to make him a present." "Well, that was all right, wasn't it?" "Then he added that I could buy something so much better and cheaper. I'm angry enough to go and get that toilet table set for him that I have wanted so long!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Some Christmas Pies.

Cranberry Tart—Wash and pick over the berries. Put into a porcelain saucepan with a very little water and simmer until they burst open and become soft. Run through a colander to remove the skins and sweeten to taste. Bake in pastry shells with a crossbar of piecrust over the top.—Marion Harland.

Dried Apple Pie—Home-dried apples should be stewed very soft and mashed through a colander; when steaming put in two or three small pieces of lemon peel and flavor with a little spice. Before putting in to the piepan, sweeten and stir in a beaten egg. Bake with two crusts, rolled thin, and warm slightly before serving.

Cranberry Pie—Line a pie dish with plain paste, then fill it with uncooked cranberries, add one-half cup molasses, four tablespoons sugar, cover with an upper crust and bake in quick oven thirty minutes.

Apple Custard Pie—Peel four apples and stew until soft and not much water is left in them; then run through a colander. Beat three eggs for each pie and put in the preparation of one cup butter, one cup sugar for three pies and season with nutmeg.

Pumpkin Pie—One quart pumpkin, stewed and strained, one quart milk, one cup sugar, seven eggs beaten very light, one teaspoon ginger and the same of mace and nutmeg. Beat all well together and bake in a crust without a cover.—Chicago Record.

An Early Intimation.

"Johnny," said the boy's father, "I suppose that you are going to hang up your stocking next Christmas."

"No, I'm not," was the reply, after some thought. "Why not?"

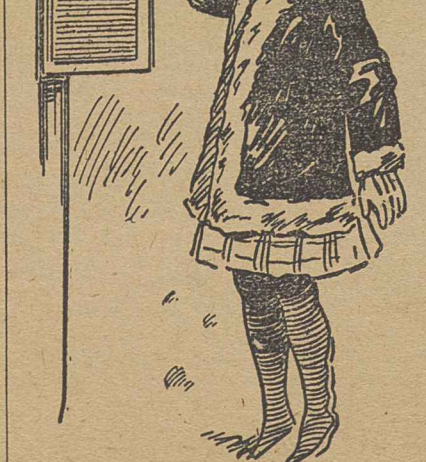
"Because," he answered, looking his father straight in the eye, "you couldn't put a bicycle in my stocking."—Washington Star.

A Misunderstanding.

"I notice Jenks doesn't speak to you. What's the matter?"

"I can't help it. I started to talk to him about Christmas decorations the other day, and he thought I referred to the black eyes he got in a broil with a mutual friend recently."

A Letter From Ted.



Dear Santa Claus: I want a sled and skates, all new and nice. But please don't send 'em less you make a lot of snow and ice.

The Christmas Tree. A stately fir tree rears its head, With stars and tapers all ablaze; And quivering in the fairy ray, The glittering loaded branches spread.

And childish eyes are sparkling bright, And childish hearts with joy o'erflow.



And on that Birthday long ago They ponder with a grave delight, Then their gifts they turn once more, And in the present sunshine lost, They fear no future tempt tress'd, But into fairy regions soar.

Two Legends of the Christ-Child.

The following quaint story is from the history of "The Nativity of Mary," a work that has for centuries furnished themes for poets and artists: "Mary and the child Jesus were resting in a cave with Joseph and a maid and three boys, who were with them on their journey. There came suddenly out of the sides of the cave a great number of dragons, and when Jesus, slipping down from his mother's knee, stood on His feet before them, the dragons fell down and worshipped Him. Then the Divine Child, seeing that Mary and Joseph were filled with terror lest He should be harmed, said to them, 'Do not be afraid, and do not consider Me as a little child, for I am and always have been perfect, and all the beasts of the field must be tame before Me.' Many of the old painters have given us the terror stricken group in the cave, including the girl and the three boys, but minus the monsters who caused them such a fright.

The most beautiful of all the legends is "The Light of the World," which Bouguereau has so exquisitely pictured for us in his "Repose in Egypt." Some travelers crossing the desert saw a brilliant light proceeding apparently from the Sphinx. Knowing that the altar of the sun stood there, they asked of one another in amazement, "Can the people be sacrificing again to the sun?" And when they drew nearer they saw that a little group of wanderers was resting beneath the shadow of the mystery of the desert. A man of middle age, dusky and travel-stained, was feeding a small gray ass, while on the arms of the Sphinx rested a young woman holding an infant to her breast. The radiant light which had dazzled them shone from the face of the young child with a great and exorbitant brilliancy. Now the travelers going on their way, were filled with awe and astonishment. Yet they did not know that they had beheld the "Light of the World."—Demorest.

Holly.

It has been thought that "holly" is only another name for "holly," as the tree was once considered sacred, but it is likely that the name is from the Welsh word for armor on, or the holly the spear-shaped leaves. The holly is a slow growing tree which does not usually attain great size. English holly is not quite hardy here, but may be grown with some protection. The leaves are a brighter green and the berries a deeper red than those of our native holly. Some parts of the tree are good for medicinal purposes.

The wood of the holly is very hard and therefore useful for cabinet work. A variety of holly was used in the time of Henry VIII in England to make skewers, picks, and even pins for dresses. The inner bark has a tannaceous substance from which bird lime is made. There is a variety of holly in South America from the bark or leaves of which "mate" or Jesuit tea is made.

Besides the red-berried holly there are other varieties bearing white, yellow, and black fruit. One kind without berries bears fragrant flowers. The holly blooms in May bearing pistillate and staminate flowers on different trees. The most curious thing about the holly is that on the lower branches the leaves are notched, as for a protection, but the foliage higher up is smooth. Evelyn, in his famous garden, used holly as a hedge, and a very beautiful hedge it must have been.

On Christmas.

"The church-bells of innumerable sects are all chime-bells to-day, ringing in sweet accordance throughout many lands and awaking a great joy in the heart of our common humanity."—Rev. Dr. Chapin.

A Natural Mistake.



Signor Franchetti, the rick-picker (meeting Santa Claus in the early morning).—"Hello! How's business?"

SPANIARDS ANGRY.

Generals Engineering a Protest Against the President's Message.

A special from Biarritz, France, says: Mail advices received from Madrid (telegrams and telephone messages on this subject being forbidden) say the Spanish military journals, especially the most important, the Correspondencia Militar, declare that twenty generals have come to an agreement to engineer a protest against President McKinley's message to congress, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army. It is added that a certain marshal was asked to co-operate, but merely replied that he would consider the matter. General Weyler answered a similar request, saying he desired in the first place to learn the opinion of certain personages, the law not allowing military men to send a collective petition to the minister for war.

Political circles are much excited at rumors of a manifesto to the country, which is said to be in course of preparation.

GEORGIA LEGISLATURE.

Resume of Work Done by That Body During the Past Session.

The state legislature expired by limitation at midnight Thursday. The principal business during the session was to provide a new penal system to take the place of the old lease system. While convicts will still be hired out under the new system, it looks ultimately to the entire breaking up of hiring convicts to civilians and to their employment by the state.

The passage of a resolution calling upon senators and congressmen to support an amendment making United States senators elective by the people at large was the principal expression in national issues.

The legislature also declared in favor of a national quarantine.

The anti-football bill was passed by the legislature, but fell through under gubernatorial veto.

Very little active legislation reached a final passage.

JAPAN'S HAWAIIAN POLICY.

No Objection to Annexation, But Will Protect Japanese Interests.

The steamer Doric, which arrived at San Francisco from Japan Friday morning, brought the following news: It is reported that the cabinet found that the absolute protest against Hawaiian annexation was of no avail, it concluded that it would be advisable to yield a point, and, while not objecting to annexation itself, to make an effort to insure the protection of Japanese interests. The United States government will be asked to guarantee that the annexation of Hawaii shall not interfere with the advantage hitherto possessed by Japan in the islands. This will constitute the scope of Japan's policy, even should congress approve of annexation.

FOUR MURDERED IN ARKANSAS.

An Aged Farmer, His Wife and Two Sons Killed by Robbers.

A special from Russellville, Ark., gives details of a terrible murder near Clinton, in Van Buren county. An aged farmer named Patterson lived on Culppeper mountain. With him lived his wife and six sons, of whom was married and had a small family. While the entire household was seated at the supper table two white men, wearing masks and heavily armed, suddenly sprang into the dining room and leveling their weapons at the heads of the assembled family commanded them to remain quiet and commenced shooting, when a general fight ensued. When the desperate battle ended, it was found that the old farmer, his wife and two of the sons had been killed. Robbery was the intent of the murderers.

Big Gain in Exports and Imports.

The exports of domestic merchandise during November last amounted to \$114,608,301, a gain of nearly \$7,000,000, as compared with November, 1896.

The imports of merchandise were \$52,352,331, of which over 50 per cent. was free of duty. The gain for the month in the imports of dutiable merchandise was over \$5,300,000.

The exports of silver during November amounted to \$4,979,277, and the imports \$1,544,305. For the nine months the exports of silver amounted to \$52,551,963 and the imports \$11,017,012.

SPANISH REVOLUTION.

Menacing Attitude of the Populace Indicates Trouble Ahead for the Don's.

According to the St. James Gazette private letters received from Madrid say that General Weyler's reception there was most significant, and that the government is so alarmed by the menacing attitude of the populace that artillery has been stationed at concealed points commanding the main thoroughfares. The gunners, however, can be relied upon.

The wildest rumors are current, says the letter in question, with reports that preparations are making for the flight of the royal family to France at the first sign of a revolution.

England's Great Actor Assassinated.

William Terris, the well known actor, was assassinated, being stabbed with a knife, as he was entering the stage door of the Adelphi theater, London, Thursday night. The murderer rushed at the actor as he was stepping across the pavement from his cab and stabbed him just below the heart. As the actor fell his murderer was seized by people who were outside the theater. The wounded man expired in fifteen minutes. The name of the murderer is given as Archer.

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COLUMBIANA, ALA., DEC. 30, 1897.

Rev. Sam Jones was to lecture in Talladega yesterday.

James L. Vandiver has been appointed postmaster at Vandiver, Alabama.

An effort is being made to hold a "Good Roads" convention at Anniston in the near future.

Our Columbian banker, Gordon DuBose, attended the Bankers Convention at Atlanta last week, and took a prominent part in their proceedings.

Col. Warren S. Reese, of Montgomery, died suddenly of heart failure last Thursday. Col. Reese was twice Mayor of Montgomery and was one of that city's most enterprising citizens.

A farmer over in Georgia who had been holding his cotton for better prices, sold his entire crop of 200 bales at an all around price of 4 1/2 cents. Our experience is that it pays to sell cotton as fast you can get it ready for market.

Rev. Frank G. Mullin, of Renfro, well known to many of our readers, has been called to the Baptist church at Oxana. The Advocate joins the Mountain Home in saying that the Oxana church "will have for Pastor, a faithful minister and a warm-hearted christian gentleman."

The Mountain Home says that Dr. Sam W. Welch, of Alpine, is mentioned as a suitable man to represent Talladega county in the next legislature. The Advocate believes Dr. Welch would make a faithful representative of the people, and Talladega county could do much worse than send him to the legislature.

The Aldrich-Plowman contest was argued before the elections committee last Friday. Col. Wm. Vaughan represented the contestant and Hon. Cecil Browne and Gen. Dudley the contestee. The committee will examine the evidence and will probably be ready to report by the last of January. There is very little doubt but that the committee will report in favor of the contestant.

Spilaunga is putting on city airs since she captured the Agricultural School. The city council recently levied a tax of \$50.00 on all telegraph and express companies having an office in that village. The result may be the closing of the offices mentioned, and the citizens have to get their messages and express packages from some other office. There is such a thing as killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

Some people are innocent enough to suppose that the democrats of Lowndes are remarkably liberal to the colored school children of that county by drawing money on a false enumeration for them. The school money of the state is divided in half—one half to each race. Then the total enumeration of whites shares total sum for the whites, and the total enumeration of the colored children is also equally divided, as with the whites. The county fund comprises what the total enumerated whites should have and also what the total enumeration of colored children would add. This money is given to the county superintendent to be paid out as shown, respectively, for the races. But in Lowndes, the total fund is divided in half, and each race gets one-half. As there are about four colored children to every white one, the white children of Lowndes get, relatively, 4 or 5 times as much as the white children in any white county. Several years ago a citizen of Mt. Willing, Lowndes county, took his part of the school fund and sent his daughter to college, and the sum nearly paid her tuition and board. The white child in a white county received less than a dollar the same year—Alabama Monitor.

POPULISTS RESOLUTIONS.

They Tell What They Want and What They Won't Have.

From The Atlanta Constitution. Washington, December 18.—A caucus of the populist members of the house of representatives was held at the National hotel tonight. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, except that referring to the civil service:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that we will resist all efforts to so modify the existing civil service law as to enable any party that may be in power to fill the different positions in civil service with partisans.

Resolved, That we are opposed to and will resist all efforts to destroy our greenbacks and treasury notes, which are, by direct legislation or by the subterfuge of refusing to reissue the same except in exchange for gold.

Resolved, That we are opposed to any scheme of enlarging the powers of national banks; that we oppose the conferring of the power to issue notes designed to have the same functions as money to any bank, corporation or individual.

Resolved, That we favor the early consideration and passage of a joint resolution recognizing the independence of the Cuban republic.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the early passage of an equitable voluntary bankruptcy bill."

Cotton Growing Resolution.

The Columbus Enquirer is of opinion that agriculture by resolution is a failure. Speaking of the late cotton convention, The Enquirer says: "It is a body of two or three dozen men, met together to resolve against the planting of too much cotton. These resolutions are very good so far as they go, but they do not go far enough, so long as the gentlemen who make them do not themselves live up to them. Like the congregation of rats, as related in the fable, they are convinced that the cat should be belled, but no one is willing to bell the cat. So these cotton growers' conventions resolve that the acreage in cotton must be decreased, but the members themselves display great uneasiness when a proposition is made for each to pledge himself to make certain reductions on his own farm."

Very earnest efforts are being made to make the slogan: "Organize the farmers and be saved." It would not do to say that it is not a good idea, for it is, if honestly and faithfully carried out in its purposes. But every time there is a short crop or short prices, everybody begins to holler out, "organize, farmers!" Organize for what? To plant less cotton? Everybody will do that who can, without any organization. If they organize to take into consideration all the causes which render farming unprofitable they are denounced; because when they begin to look for the causes, by analyzing the situation, they very soon get into the Alliance demands, and that is regarded as almost anarchistic. There is very little good to be derived by the farmers organizing to plant less cotton. That question is already settled.—Alabama Monitor.

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From any complaint peculiar to their sex—such as Profuse, Painful, Suppressed or Irregular Menstruation, are soon restored to health by

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It is a combination of remedial agents which have been used with the greatest success for more than 25 years, and known to act specifically with and on the organs of Menstruation, and recommended for such complaints only. It never fails to give relief and restore the health of the suffering woman. It should be taken by the girl just budding into womanhood when Menstruation is scant, Suppressed, Irregular or Painful, and all delicate women should use it, as its tonic properties have a wonderful influence in toning up and strengthening the system by driving through the proper channels all impurities.

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JACKSON'S COTTON.

Can be Obtained from J. C. Mayfield, Atlanta, Ga.

From The Atlanta Constitution. Jackson Limbless Cotton has created more talk throughout the cotton growing world than all other varieties combined. There has been over five thousand people from nearly every state in the union to visit the farm of Mr. Jackson near this city, and they are unanimous in their opinion that it is the most wonderful and productive cotton in the world. Not a limb on it, it grows from 6 to 14 feet high, planted from 6 to 10 inches apart, rows from 3 to 4 feet wide and has from 40 to 100 bolls to the stalk, so anyone can see why it will make from 4 to 5 bales per acre. The staple is white and silky and much longer than common cotton, and brings a much higher price, and it can be ginned on all ordinary gins. Yesterday a very prominent farmer from Mississippi said: "I have often heard cotton was king, but I never realized it so fully until today, when standing in the five-acre cotton patch on Mr. Jackson's farm."

Every farmer that goes to see it is impressed with the idea, not whether he wants to buy these seed, but the fact he must do it to protect himself and make a success of raising cotton at present prices. This cotton patch is guarded day and night, but everybody has an invitation to come and see this wonderful cotton.

A syndicate of New York men have bought most of this cotton and they propose to plant every one of their seed.

J. W. Smith, who is Cashier of The First National Bank of Gainesville, Ga., has for sale some of the Jackson Limbless Cotton Seed at the following prices: Two hundred dollars per bushel, seven dollars per pound. They also put them up in packages of 200 select seed to each package, at one dollar per package, 6 packages for \$5.00, thirty-five packages for \$25, seventy-five packages for \$50.00, one hundred and sixty packages for \$100.00. All seed are put up with full directions for planting. He has adapted this plan of distributing the seed, so the merchants can order for their customers or anyone can make sixty dollars profit by selling 160 packages. With each box containing 160 packages of seed, he puts in one large photograph of the Jackson cotton patch with negroes picking it, and circulars giving the history about this wonderful cotton and testimonials from R. T. Nesbit, the Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia and J. S. Newman, formerly of the Agricultural department of Alabama, now of South Carolina, they both having examined this cotton in the patch.

All seed will be delivered free at the above prices, so send for what you want at once, you can send check or postoffice order or registered letter to J. C. Mayfield, Manager, Atlanta, Ga., box 743. If your order is received after all seed is sold, your money will be returned free of cost to you. The seed will not be peddled out and parties wanting these seed can get them by ordering them direct from J. C. Mayfield. He has arranged with Mr. Jackson's son to superintend the packing and shipping of these seed.

There will no doubt be a baker's peddling cotton seed claiming them to be Jackson Limbless Cotton, so order at once for what you want.

In 1895, Mr. Jackson had only 57 stalks, this year the crop he raised would bring over one hundred thousand dollars. So you do not have to be rich to get a start. Now is the exception time, buy some of these seed. The first bale of this cotton sold on the Atlanta market November 23, for 10 cents per pound, the staple measured one and one-half inches long. See Atlanta Journal of that date, which gives a full account of the value and quality of the cotton, certified to by expert cotton men.

The State Convention.

Chairman Deans, of the Populist State Executive Committee, has called his committee to meet in the parlors of the Metropolitan Hotel at Birmingham, on Thursday, Dec. 30th, for the purpose of arranging a plan of campaign for next year.

To Prevent Yellow Fever.

No more certain cure exists for Malaria or Chills and Fever than Electric Bitters. If taken in time Yellow Fever may be averted. Try it at once and you may save a fatal sickness. Sold by all druggists.

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Our low prices, Fair dealings and Best qualities draws our trade.

Our Special Bargains Tell for Themselves:

Double width, beautiful dress goods, regular 12 1/2 cent goods, a special sale for this week at	5	Mens' handkerchief's from	1 up
40 inches wide, solid colors, cashmere, Black, Blue and Green colors, they can not last long here, now at	8	A new sample line of capes from \$1.25 to	\$4.00
Orange color, oil calico this week at	24	OUR PRICES IN SHOES:	
25 cents, all wool brown flannel at	10	Good everyday ladies shoes, now for	6
The best yard-wide domestic at	44	150 fine ladies shoes for	1 00
Heavy 5 cents cotton checks, now	3	200 fine ladies shoes for	1 25
The best 8 cents Rescue Plaid for	5	Fine laundered negligee shirts	21
Tea balls thread for	5	Jeans Pants	35
Assorted patterns of dark and light calico, now	3	Ladies seamless hose, foot color, black and tan at	7 1/2
200 yards machine thread at	2	25 envelopes and 23 sheets of paper for	5
		Mens' under shirts	15 up
		Mens' overshirts	20 up

A CHEERFUL CALL TO CHRISTMAS BARGAINS!

Make as many people happy as you can. Our Beautiful Display of Holiday Gifts are Open and Ready.

Cups and saucers at	15	A Box of useful Christmas candles	10
Beautiful mugs at	15	Fine Shell Boxes at 10, 15 and 25 cents.	
Elegant Rubber Rattles at	10	One dozen different styles of dolls, from 5 cents to \$2.00	
Fancy colored Rubber Balls	5	Many China Novelties, from 5 to 10 cents.	
Toy Watches at	5	Magnificent Silk Handkerchief's at	15
Merry Tea Sets	10		

Get ready for this assortment. Our desirable goods and low prices make Christmas shopping a real pleasure. Our stock now answers that question, answers it fully perfectly.

S. STARK,

SHENLEY, ALA.

Special Offer.
The Alabama Monitor, Capt. Frank Baltzell's paper, in order to meet the limited ability of farmers to subscribe, is offering to send the paper from receipt of subscription to 1st day of November 1898, for fifty cents, provided the subscription is received by the 15th of January. All persons whose subscriptions have expired can avail themselves of the special offer. Every farmer in the state ought to take the Monitor and his home paper. Send in your subscriptions.

An Accompanying Industry.

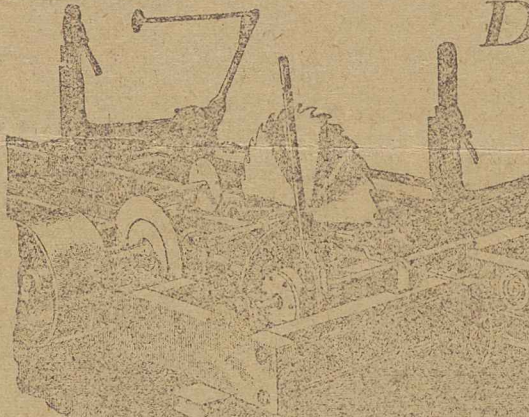
Tifton Gazette: Captain T. J. James is now grinding cane on his mammoth plantation near Adrain. The syrup is made in a large wooden vat, and there is no fire about it. Sixty-five gallons of syrup at one boiling. He has been grinding over a month and will be grinding over a month longer. Captain James altogether will make about 18,000 gallons of syrup. He took up sixteen acres of cane for seed this fall.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at Hall Drug Co's Drug Store.

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Notice No. 19284.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 23, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala., on January 26th, 1898, viz: John F. McDonald, Homestead entry, No. 25,392, for the E 1/4 of NE 1/4, section 24, township 20 south of range 1 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph M. Greenlaw, William L. Bentley, Monroe Vick, Allen A. Ray, all of Lewis, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 19284.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 15, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala., on December 24, 1897, viz: Daniel D. Draper, Homestead entry, No. 26,812, for the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, W 1/2 of NW 1/4, Sec. 12, Tp. 20 south of range 2 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph M. Greenlaw, William L. Bentley, Monroe Vick, Allen A. Ray, all of Lewis, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Probate Notice.
State of Alabama, Probate Court, Shelby County.

Estate of William Booth, deceased. Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of October 1897, by the Hon. D. R. McMillan, Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

E. F. VEST, Administrator.

Notice No. 19285.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 10, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala., on December 23, 1897, viz: Thomas R. White, Homestead entry, No. 24,228, for the E 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 6, Tp. 21 south of range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Henderson, Columbus Benton, John Harmon, Sidney W. Nicholas, all of Bond, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 19286.
Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
November 10, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala., on December 23, 1897, viz: Sidney W. Nicholas, Homestead entry, No. 24,380, for the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 6, Tp. 21 south of range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Henderson, Columbus Benton, John Harmon, Thomas B. White, all of Bond, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.



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Young Ladies employed on the same terms.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order issued from the Circuit Court of Shelby County, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell, in front of the Court House, in the town of Columbiana, on the 20th day of December, 1897, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

One lot in the town of Vincent, known as the Bilbery, Mill & Gin lot, also the south east quarter of north east quarter of section 20, township 14 range 2 east, situated in Shelby County, Ala.

Levied upon as the property of N. C. Bilbery, to satisfy said F. F. in my hands in favor of J. F. Pope & Co. This 16th day of November 1897.

E. F. VEST, Sheriff.

No cure—No pay.

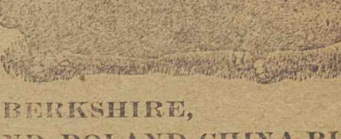
That is the way all druggists sell Grove's tasteless chill tonic for malaria, chill and fever. It is simply Iron and quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating tonics. Price, 50c. For sale by

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

H. Fox, of Calera, was in the city Tuesday.

Remember the Presbyterian Supper on the 27th

J. H. Lane, of Sylacauga, spent Sunday in the city.

Frank Nelson, Jr., of Anniston, spent Sunday in the city.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. John England on the 16th, a girl.

Six mackerel for 10 cents. J. H. Hammond.

J. H. Robertson and wife spent Sunday on their farm near Wilsonville.

Fletcher Sammons left yesterday to try his fortune in the Lone Star State.

Peanut Brittle and Coconut Crisp are candies fine, sold by J. H. Hammond.

J. H. Hammond's sells velvet candy, the purest, healthiest and best candy.

J. L. Peters, Esq., was a delegate to the Baptist State Convention at East Lake last week.

S. H. Seale, of Simmon's Switch, was in town Monday, and gave the Advocate a pleasant call.

We regret to hear that Mr. J. C. Williams is quite sick at his residence one mile west of the city.

Don't forget that big bottle of snuff for 10 cents at J. H. Hammond.

W. W. Walls, general agent of the Singer Mfg. company, spent Sunday with his family in the city.

Come in and get your Christmas goods or they will all be sold. J. H. Hammond.

Henry Milner, we regret to state, has been quite sick since our last issue, but is now improving.

A full line of new lunch and market baskets, for sale by J. H. Hammond.

I will sell until January 1st, 22 pounds of good brown sugar for \$1. J. H. Hammond.

E. S. Cater, of beat 10, was in the city Tuesday, and honored the Advocate with a pleasant visit.

Sam Leckovits, of the Columbia Mercantile company, visited Talladega Monday on business.

Misses Bessie Cockrell and Laura Weldon, of Wilsonville, were the guests of Miss T. Hammond Sunday.

Phillip Erick, of the Columbia Mercantile company, left Tuesday for Bessemer, where he will spend the holidays.

Ed. Lee and sister Miss Minnie, of near Montevallo, spent several days with the family of A. W. Strickland last week.

Settle up by January 1st, as my book-keeper is going to Texas, and I'll keep no books after the 1st. J. H. Hammond.

If you want to help a good cause and at the same time get more than the worth of your money, go to the Presbyterian supper next Monday night.

The L. & N. Railroad company, with their characteristic liberality, have offered to transport all who attend the "good roads" convention at Anniston free of charge.

C. E. Greek, recently appointed Postal Clerk, left Monday to take the run of A. B. Milner, between Selma and Ackron. Mr. Milner will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

Rev. S. N. Burns, the recently appointed pastor of the Methodist church at this place, filled his first appointment last Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. A large congregation was out to hear him at 11 a. m., and they heard an excellent sermon. The Advocate on the part of the people of Columbiana, extends to Mr. Burns a cordial welcome to his new field.

Jasper Nabors, who shot and killed Ben Payne at Longview, in this county in 1895, was arrested by the sheriff of Tuscaloosa county a few days ago. Deputy sheriff, W. C. Kyle arrived here with him Monday night and turned him over to Sheriff Vest. The Governor had offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of Mr. Nabors. The Advocate is not posted as to the facts of the killing, and as the matter will be investigated by the courts, refrains from saying more.

To Teachers.

I am authorized to state that the money due teachers for quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1897, will not be ready until after Jan. 15th 1898.

EUGENE WILLIAMS,

County Supt. of Education.

Attention Sovereigns.

Linden Camp, No. 48, Woodmen of the World, will meet at their Columbiana forest Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Important business. Visiting Sovereigns invited.

A. P. LONGSHORE, C. C.

Dr. W. A. LOVETT, Clerk.

Christmas Supper.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a Christmas supper at the residence of Mrs. W. B. Browne on Monday night, Dec. 27th. Everybody cordially invited, and everything good to eat will be served. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Santa Claus.

We are informed that Santa Claus was seen the other night, and he announced his intention of making his headquarters at the store of J. H. Hammond in Columbiana, on Friday and Saturday night. He will also be in the parade Saturday, if the boys will promise not to have any tangle foot along. Watch out for him children.

Married.

At the residence of the brides father, near Creswell, on Wednesday of last week, by Rev. W. I. Sinnott, Mr. George M. Douglas and Miss A. Virginia Anderson. The groom is a prominent young man from Sylacauga, and the bride is the lovely daughter of Mr. James L. Anderson, of this county. The Advocate extends congratulations to the happy couple, and wishes them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Another Old Veteran Gone.

On Sunday last, at his residence near Harpersville, Leonard Scott Bradford died after a lingering illness, aged about 63.

Mr. Bradford was a lieutenant in Capt. J. T. McClanahan's company K, 31st Alabama regiment, and made a good soldier. He was captured near Atlanta in 1864 and carried to Johnson's Island, where he remained until after the surrender. He has been in feeble health for a number of months and his death was not unexpected. He leaves an aged mother, wife and daughter—Mrs. A. A. Logan, to mourn his death. The Advocate extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Christmas Masquerade.

As stated in our last week's issue, there will be a masquerade parade in Columbiana on Christmas morning, beginning at 9 o'clock. The line will be formed at the L. & N. depot promptly, and will proceed to march up Main street, and thence over the entire town, led by Santa Claus with his sponsor and retinue leading.

Everybody urged to appear in masque and costume, mounted on any kind of an animal, and join with us in these festivities.

For obvious reasons, no drunkenness or firing of pistols will be allowed, as this will be merely a social occasion, the pleasures of which would be marred by these two indulgences.

Let everybody turn out and make merry on this day. Let us have an old fashioned Christmas again.

A Large Assignment.

Mr. T. J. Martin, at Harpersville, made an assignment last Friday to E. V. Caldwell, for the benefit of his creditors. We are informed that the assets are placed at \$60,000, and liabilities at \$30,000.

Mr. Martin has been in the mercantile business at Harpersville about 32 years, and at one time did the largest business of any merchant in the county. His failure is attributable to poor collections and the gold standard. His failure is an honest one. No man ever struggled harder to meet his obligations and satisfy his creditors, but the fate seemed to be against him. The low price of cotton and other misfortunes forced him to the wall. His failure will be a serious blow to the citizens of Harpersville and vicinity, and he has the sympathy of everybody in his misfortune.

Mrs. Sam Leckovits left yesterday for Bessemer, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

Dental Students

are now flooding the country, owing to the fact that the Christmas holidays are now on. Why give your work to a man you may never see again if the work should not prove satisfactory? Dr. Lovett has been in Columbiana nearly seven months, during which time he has been doing a lucrative practice, and has been successful in his operations. His work speaks for itself. Have your work done by a permanently located man, and in case it is not satisfactory, you need not remember him in your prayers (?) but know where to find him, and have it made good. Bad work is not cheap at any price.

Richardson-Page Nuptials.

MARRIED—On the 16th inst. by the Rev. W. I. Sinnott, at the residence of the brides father, Mr. J. H. Page, Miss Addie Page to Mr. Walter W. Richardson. The bride was beautifully and appropriately attired in white cashmere. The groom is a son of Mr. David G. Richardson, and is an energetic and enterprising young man.

After the ceremony, the guests were invited to the spacious dining room, where was spread all that the most fastidious epicure could desire.

On the next day quite a number of friends and relatives were invited to the hospitable home of the grooms' father, where a sumptuous repast was spread.

The young couple have the best wishes of the Advocate and a host of friends for a long and prosperous life, with no clouds to obscure the sunshine of happiness.

A Beautiful Home Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Virginia, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Anderson, to Mr. Geo. M. Douglas, Jr., was solemnized on Wednesday the 15th inst at 11:30 o'clock, a. m., at the residence of the bride's parents. This hospitable home was filled with the relatives and friends of the high contracting parties, and each vied with each other to render the occasion one of joy and happiness.

The marriage ceremony that united the lives of these young people was most impressively performed by the Rev. W. I. Sinnott, of Columbiana. It was indeed an interesting tableau; the groom looking his best, in the regulation black suit, while the bride was bewitchingly beautiful in a handsome navy blue ladies' cloth, with a vest of blue moire of a lighter shade of blue, and trimmings of fine lace and ribbon. The wedding presents were numerous, beautiful and useful, testifying to the high esteem which the happy couple were held by their admiring friends. At 1 o'clock the guests were invited into the spacious dining room, where a table decorated with a profusion of rare and lovely flowers, and glowing under a collocation that would have tempted the palate of the gods, greeted their vision. The meats, in all varieties, the salads, the exquisitely trimmed cakes, could not be surpassed, and added one more laurel to the hostess as an adept in the culinary art. Although good company and cheer were abundant, the farewells must be said. At 3 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Douglass, Jr., left for Sylacauga, the home of the grooms' parents. They will return next week, and will still make Shelby county their home.

A GUEST.

Montevallo claims to have received 4,000 bales of cotton this season. We are not surprised. Live merchants make a live town. The advertising columns of the News show that the Montevallo merchants appreciate the value of printer's ink in drawing trade to their town.

Miss Myrtle Swain, of Vienna, Illinois, arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the Christmas holidays with home folks.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale by Hall Drug Co., Columbiana, Alabama.

Asheville, N. C.

Asheville, N. C., situated in the heart of the mountains of Western North Carolina 2,000 feet above the sea level, is free from all malarial and fever diseases, and is reached via the Southern Railway, on most convenient schedules.

Vincent.

Sheriff Vest is in the city today, Monday.

Miss Gussie Lyder, one of Vincent's sweetest girls, has left us to spend the winter in Florida, the "Land of Flowers." She will be greatly missed in society. She will visit her cousin, Mrs. Merriwether, nee Miss Ida O'Hara, formerly of this community.

Mrs. J. H. Batton, of Woodlawn, is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Chap. Pitts has gone to Birmingham again. Wonder what's up; his girl must live up there.

Mrs. Wardick and family are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCarty, at this place.

The Cheerful Helpers will give an oyster supper at the Academy Tuesday evening, the 28th inst. Let everybody come. Those that don't eat oysters will find other refreshments.

Mrs. Mary Williams and Mrs. M. L. Kidd, have treated themselves to nice pianos.

Mr. T. J. Martin, of Harpersville, has been a merchant of that village for many long years, and we learn with regret that on last Friday he was forced to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

Ann Strickland, an aged colored servant, was buried near here yesterday. She was the mother of 23 children.

Occasional.

Dunnivant.

Local items are scarce.

Health of community good.

Prof. J. O. Dorrough has moved to Dunnivant, where he will be near his school.

James L. Vandiver, of Vandiver, was in town last week on official business.

Dock Franklin was in town last week. We were at a loss to know why Dock was so pleasant and full of smiles, until we learned that it was a little boy.

Brother John Berryhill, of Leeds, was in town Friday, getting rid of some political gas.

On Friday last we walked over to the south side and looked into the new store of Coleman & Co. Verily, there is a good future in store for Dunnivant yet.

D. B. Campbell was in town Friday with a wagon load of sweet potatoes to sell.

Mr. Tom McDaniel, of near Leeds, has the small pox, but is now getting well. Many people visited him before it was known that he had small pox. If, however, it is not catching until after it has broken out, they may escape.

Por.

Fourmile.

Louis Mooney was in our city Sunday.

Cleve Jackson, of Sylacauga, was over here Monday.

E. S. Kytte was down again Sunday. Speer comes over every Sunday.

W. J. Horsley, the principal of McGowan's school, was on Four Mile Sunday.

J. W. Powell contemplates going to Vincent Thursday—his business you all may guess.

Mr. Russell, who recently moved to Four Mile, has been very ill, but we're glad to state is better.

There was no preaching at Blue Springs Sunday. The pastor did not come, the reason for which we are unable to say.

Mrs. W. E. Riddle, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, we are glad to note is convalescent.

We are glad to state that Four Mile is no longer wanting for song books, she is well supplied. We are pleased to see our people take so much interest in music.

We wish to inform our friends and the people in general that there will be a Christmas tree erected at the Centre school house next Friday night, Dec. 24th. Everybody cordially invited to come on that occasion. We will have music recitations, etc., in addition to the Christmas tree.

We wish you all a merry Christmas.

School Boy.

No Cure-No Pay.

That is the way Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil is sold for Barbed Wire Cuts, Burns, Scalds, Cracked Heels, Badly Galls, Old Sores and all kinds of inflammations of man or beast. Price 25 cents. For sale by HALL DRUG CO.,

July 21, 19.

Lewis Blows.

Health not good.

Mrs. W. E. Riddle, we are glad to state, is fast improving. We hope to see her up again soon.

Mr. Ed Russell is improving, but very slow, but we are glad that he is improving at all.

W. C. Powell paid Yellow Leaf a pleasant visit Sunday.

Messrs. Jim White, Amos Elliott and others, of Columbiana, were in our neighborhood bird hunting last Monday. Come again, boys, and we will join you during Christmas.

On the 4th inst., little Bessie, the infant babe of George Powell, got burned very bad, but not seriously, by falling backwards into the fire. She is doing splendid and will be well in a few days, we think.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor has been quite sick, but is now convalescent.

Frank of the mill, I am sorry that you so seriously object to John Powell going to Vincent. If I had full control over him I would stop him, but if you want him to stop, you will have to walk in and take his sweetheart and then he will stop. Do you feel disposed to do so?

Come one come all. There will be a Christmas tree erected at the Centre school house on Friday, night, Dec. 24th. Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend. Doors opened at 7:30 p. m. There will also be a Christmas tree at Four Mile.

Well, Yeung Joe, of the Yellow Leaf locals, I am patiently waiting for that invitation to the marriage feast; and would be glad to receive it at any time. I hope you will see that I get an invitation and we will eat yellow bread together.

SAGER.

From Burke.

Christmas near at hand and the little folks have begun to talk about Santa Claus.

Walter Lester, of the firm of Lester Bros., is in Columbiana transacting business.

Mrs. W. L. Bentley has been quite sick the past week, but is now better.

J. W. Spearman, of near Burke, has moved to Four Mile.

J. F. McDonald will move to the place vacated by J. W. Spearman. Jno. Brasher is moving to Four Mile. It seems that Four Mile is very attractive to our farmers.

Rumor says there will be two or more weddings near by at an early day. Republic would like to have a piece of cake.

The Liberty choir have changed their monthly singing from the 2nd to the 3rd Sunday.

Drummers and cattle buyers have been plentiful the past week.

With best wishes for the success of the Advocate.

REPUBLIQUE.

Quitto Dots.

We are having plenty of rain at present.

Miss Mattie Allen and Mr. Allen, Jr., visited Birmingham last week.

Mr. W. L. Deshazo and family were visiting Mr. W. A. Hookers Sunday.

There were quite a crowd out at prayer meeting Sunday night.

Miss Kate Allan spent Sunday night with Miss Wilma Deshazo.

Mr. George Ruffy, of Patton, Ala., died last week and was buried at Bridgeton, Ala. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives, and pray our Heavenly Father to comfort them with the thought that he whom they loved so tenderly is only gone before, and is waiting for them in that beautiful home where there is no parting and where no sorrow cometh.

BLUE EYES.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of one F. Fa. issued from the Circuit Court of Shelby County, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at the residence of T. J. Martin, in the town of Harpersville, on the 31st day of December, 1897, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property to-wit:

Fifteen pork hogs; one red and white cow, with one short horn; two black heifers; one white back crumpled horned heifer; one brindle calf; one bay mare, named Jinney; one one male, named Roddy; one two-horse wagon and one buggy.

Levied upon as the property of T. J. Martin, to satisfy said F. Fa. in my hands in favor of A. J. Harris and F. P. McWhirter.

This 20th day of December, 1897. E. F. VEST, Sheriff.

WE HAVE RECEIVED

As nice a line of Millinery Goods as can be found anywhere, and invite the Public to call and examine them.

WE HAVE

VELVETS, RIBBONS, SILKS and FEATHERS to suit the most Fastidious.

HAVE ALSO ADDED TO OUR LINE

Ladies' and Childrens' Kid and Wool Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Underwear.

LAURA C. ARMSTRONG & CO

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of one F. Fa. issued from the Circuit Court of Shelby County, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell in front of the Court House Door, in the town of Columbiana, on the 24th day of January, 1898, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

North east quarter, and part of the south east quarter of section 28, township 19, range 2 east; south west quarter of the south east quarter of section 21, township 19, range 2 east; south west quarter of the north west quarter of section 27, township 19, range 2 east; north west quarter of the north east quarter of section 21, township 19, range 2 east; west half of the south west quarter, and the south east quarter of the north west quarter of section 27, township 18, range 2 east; 20 acres off of east side of the north east quarter of the south east quarter of section 23, township 18, range 2 east; west half of the north east quarter of section 34, township 18, range 2 east; west half of the south west quarter of section 21, township 19, range 2 east; north east quarter of the south east quarter of section 20, township 19, range 2 east; all that portion east of Glade, of the south east quarter of the south east quarter of section 20, township 19, range 2 east; north east quarter of the south east quarter of section 21, township 19, range 2 east; south east quarter of the south east quarter, and the north west quarter of the south west quarter of section 21, township 19, range 2 east; west half of the south west quarter of section 17, township 19, range 2 east; north east quarter, and the east half of the north east quarter of the north west quarter of section 18, township 19, range 2 east; west half of the north west quarter, and the west half of the north east quarter, of the north west quarter of section 18, township 19, range 2 east; south half of the north east quarter, and all of the south east quarter of section 10, township 20, range 2 east; south east quarter of the north west quarter, and the east half of the south west quarter of section 10, township 20, range 2 east; north west quarter of the north west quarter of section 15, township 20, range 2 east; south east quarter and all of the west half of section 11, township 20, range 2 east; south half of the north east quarter, and the north west quarter of the south half fraction of section 23, township 20, range 2 east; east half of the south east quarter, of the north east quarter, and 17 acres off of the north east quarter of the south east quarter fractional of section 22, township 20, range 2 east; west half of the north east quarter of section 11, township 20, range 2 east; west half of the north west quarter of the north west quarter of section 10, township 20, range 2 east; north east quarter of the south east quarter of section 9, township 20, range 2 east; north east quarter, and the east half of the north west quarter of section 30, township 19, range 2 east; east half of the north west quarter of the north west quarter, and the east half of the south east quarter of the north east quarter of section 30, township 19, range 2 east; south west quarter of section 29, township 19, range 2 east; south west quarter of the south east quarter of section 33, township 18, range 2 east; south west quarter of the north west quarter, and 30 acres in the north west quarter of the north west quarter of section 22, township 18, range 2 east; north west quarter of the south west quarter, and 6 acres in the north east quarter of the south west quarter of section 23, township 18, range 2 east; north east quarter of the north west quarter of section 35, township 18, range 2 east; south east quarter of the north east quarter, and 30 acres off of the south end of the north east quarter of the south east quarter of section 33, township 18, range 2 east; east half of the south east quarter, and the south east quarter of the north east quarter, and 30 acres in the north west quarter of the south east quarter of section 22, township 18, range 2 east; north west quarter of the south west quarter, and 6 acres in the north east quarter of the south west quarter of section 23, township 18, range 2 east; north west quarter of section 30, township 19, range 2 east. Also one two story brick store house and lot, and one frame store house and lot in Harpersville, and one brick store house and lot in Vincent.

Levied upon as the property of T. J. Martin, to satisfy said F. Fa. in my hands in favor of A. J. Harris and F. P. McWhirter.

This 18th day of December, 1897. E. F. VEST, Sheriff.

Did You Ever.

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells or are Nervous, Sleepless, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and \$1.00 at. Hall Drug Co's Drug Store.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease CONSUMPTION, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used which they will find a sure cure for CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, CATARRH, BRONCHITIS, and all throat and lung MALADIES. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is valuable. Those desiring the prescription which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address.

REV. EDWARD A. WILSON, dec 17-98-ly. Brooklyn, New York

Reduced Rates via Southern Railway, Account Christmas Holidays.

On account of the Christmas Holidays, the Southern Railway will sell tickets from points on its lines to all points south of the Ohio and Potomac and East of the Mississippi Rivers, in the territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold December 22, 23, 24, 25 and December 30th, 31st 1897, and January 1st 1898,

Caring for the Teeth.
Do not eat, or do not feed your children on, white bread, which is deficient in phosphates, and causes the teeth to crumble. A little hard food requiring thorough mastication should be taken at every meal. The teeth should be brushed both night and morning. Avoid sweets. Drink at least two quarts of water a day—a glass the first thing in the morning, another the last thing before going to bed, the remaining quantity between meals. Consult a good dentist about every six months.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Strange Death of Three Brothers.
At Clomere, in France, three brothers named Mose, all over 80 years old, have just died on alternate days in a very strange manner. The first was found Monday in a cellar half eaten by rats. The second was found Wednesday in a stable under a heap of potatoes, and the eldest, living at Flaviac, was discovered two days later dead under his bed.

It is a rare man who commends; men like to tell how it should have been done.

Some thoughtful soul-proposers to bring the Chicago cable lines to terms by showering pennies upon the conductors until they cry for quarter-or-quarters. We feel sure that Mr. Yerkes will watch this attempt to overwhelm his railway with money with great interest. If the present cars prove inadequate to haul the coppers away probably additional cars will be put on.

Three of the most valuable products of the mine have been found in Alaska—gold, petroleum and coal. All of these minerals are found there in abundance. The purchase of Alaska was regarded somewhat as acquiring "a pig in a poke" at a pretty stiff price, but the pig is turning out to be a very promising asset.

What is Tetter?
It is a fragrant, unctuous ointment of great soothing and healing power. It is good for Tetter, Ringworm, Eczema and all roughness of the skin. It stops itching at once and it persistently used will positively cure even the worst of chronic cases. 50 cents at a drug store or by mail from J. L. Chuprins, Savannah, Ga.

A lost opportunity seldom finds its way back.

\$100 Reward. \$100.
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: J. C. CHERRY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Fits permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. \$2 trial bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 601 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

I believe Pilo's Cure for Consumption saved my boy's life last summer.—Mrs. ALLIE DOUGLASS, Le Roy, Mich., Oct. 29, 1894.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, soothes the gums, reducing inflammation, allays pain, cures wind, colic, etc., a bottle.

The Sandwich Islanders believe that the souls of their dead monarchs reside in the ravens, and they entreat Europeans not to molest them.

Use "C.C.C." Certain Chill Cure.
Best in the world. CERTAIN CHILL CURE. Evansville, Ind.

Deacon Jonathan Hayes, who would the first time make ever live in Middleton Springs, Va., at the age of 90, and in perfect health, and can read without glasses.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine. See ads. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure, 25c.

Chinese brides of high station frequently do not see their husbands until the red veils are lifted at the marriage ceremony.

Chew Star Tobacco—The Best.
Smoke Solidge Cigarettes.

A greater number of men than women become stout late in life. No satisfactory explanation is offered of this fact.

Weak Stomach

Indigestion Causes Spasms—Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures.

"I have always been troubled with a weak stomach and had spasms caused by indigestion. I have taken several bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and have not been bothered with spasms, and I advise anyone troubled with dyspepsia to take Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. HORTON, Prattburg, New York.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is the best in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure indigestion, biliousness.

A Merry Christmas

To All!

From the People's Money-Savers

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For trading or locating Gold or Silver Ore, lost or buried treasures. M. D. Rawley, Box 85, Southern Co.

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ALABAMA GLEANINGS.

Pertinent Paragraphs of the Late News of the State.

Conference in Session.

The South Alabama Conference is now in session at Union Springs, Bishop Galloway presiding. There is a full attendance of ministers.

Assessment Rejected.

At a special term of the commissioners' court of Coosa county, the assessments of Tax Commissioner Walton against the ginners of the county on the toll cotton received was rejected.

School Census Settled.

The school census for Lowndes county, about which there has been so much comment as to the enormous figures as compared with former years, has been retaken, and found to be 13,736, instead of 20,654, as was sent in by the county superintendent of education of that county.

An Electric Light Plant.

At a meeting of the city council of Birmingham a resolution was adopted creating a special committee, composed of one alderman from each ward, and the mayor as ex-officio chairman, to examine into the cost of an electric light plant, with a view to the city erecting one and operating it on its own account.

Murdered for His Money.

Gilmore Edwards, lamplighter in the Louisville & Nashville yards at Boyles, four miles north of Birmingham, was murdered and robbed by an unknown person. Edwards was making a tour through the yards when he was shot from the darkness. The robber failed to get \$41 which Edwards had sewed up in his watch pocket.

A Good Showing.

John Case, the new tax collector of Mobile county, paid into the state treasury \$20,000 collections since December 1, state taxes, which, added to former remittances of this year's collections, makes the sum of \$32,000. Mr. E. B. Lott, his predecessor, paid into the treasury for the same period last year \$8,497, a difference in favor of Case of \$23,503.

Decree of Foreclosure.

In the United States court at Birmingham, Judge Boardman rendered a decree of foreclosure and sale in the case of the Central Trust company, of New York, vs. the United States Car Company. The court appointed J. A. W. Smith special master, who is ordered to advertise the sale, if the amount of the indebtedness, \$2,019,552.48, is not paid in ten days.

Found Beside Railroad Track.

Late Friday night C. B. Hicks, a railroad man, was found bruised and unconscious beside the railroad tracks, near Montgomery. When he had been resuscitated he related that he had endeavored to catch an outgoing south bound freight on the Louisville and Nashville railroad with \$995 in cash in his pockets. His money was gone and he could not account for its loss or his injury.

Another Candidate.

Prof. Edward L. Patton has announced as a candidate for state superintendent of education from Elmore county, subject to the action of the democratic party. Professor Patton has for two years identified himself as specially interested in reforming our school system. He was among the first to call for a constitutional convention for the purpose of bettering the public school system. For two years his articles on educational topics have appeared in many of the state papers.

Former Sheriff Shot in Account.

Examiner of Public Accounts Purify Thursday filed his report with the governor on his investigation of the sheriff's office of Lee county under the administration of W. B. Gibson, late sheriff of that county, which shows a shortage of almost \$2,000, summed up as follows: Fees for removing prisoners, collected from defendants on conviction, \$85.99. For solicitors' fees unaccounted for, \$53. For feeding prisoners in jail, and to which he was not legally entitled \$1,642. Total, \$1,790.99.

Col. Warren S. Reese Dead.

Col. Warren S. Reese, two-time mayor of Montgomery, and one of that city's most popular, most enterprising and most valuable citizens, died Thursday night from the effects of heart failure. He had been in excellent health until the previous day, when he was taken sick. He drove to his home in his carriage, and Thursday morning appeared to be improved in condition, but after midnight a relapse set in, and he died.

Colonel Reese was the nominee of the populists for United States senator against John T. Morgan, and contested the seat. He was colonel of the Twelfth Alabama cavalry during the war.

Thieves Secured \$800.

One of the boldest and most sensational robberies that every occurred in that section took place eight miles below Abbeville Thursday night. At about 1 o'clock a man called at the house of Westley Bodiford and claimed that his mule had run away and severely injured his companion, and asked for some one to assist him. Oscar Etheridge, a young man living with Mr. Bodiford, responded to the call and followed the man. When about three hundred yards below the house the first one dropped behind and another man sprang out of the bushes and told him to hold Etheridge up. One brand a pistol in Etheridge's face and the other tied his hands. They then led him back to the house, and waking old man Bodiford, told him that they wanted the money in his safe. The safe was opened and the men secured \$800.

Cotton Growers' Convention.

The governor has appointed the following named gentlemen delegates to the Southern Cotton Growers' Convention at Memphis next week:

Messrs. W. H. Lawson, M. C. Scott, Joel Barnett, Jess Adams, Montgom-

ery; Major Thomas W. Oliver, Mitley; T. P. Hudson, Opelika; Colonel N. N. Clements, Tuskaolosa; J. R. McLeander, Nafel; J. C. Killebrew, Newton; C. A. B. Edwards, Crittenden Mills; John Minge, Fausdale; W. E. Campbell, Florence; Isaac O. Mason, Columbiana; William M. Hammond, Gadsden; Captain C. C. Swope, Courtland; M. B. Hampton, Leighton; W. R. Prior, Quid Nun; Dr. Henry McDonald, General Samuel H. Moore, Huntsville; Henry Warton, Athens; J. C. Hanes, Sheffield.

DR. CURRY'S REPORT.

Recognizes the Ability of One of Alabama's Educational Lights.

In his annual report to the trustees of the Peabody educational fund, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, the general agent, wrote under date of October 1, 1897, in part, as follows:

"The Florence Normal College has lost its vigorous and able president, James K. Powers, LL. D., who has been transferred to the State University. Under his administration the college has had a remarkable growth, and now numbers 310 pupils. In a letter to the governor, Dr. Mayo says:

"I can honestly say that, in all my experience in the south, I have seen no state normal which seems to me to have more completely grasped the true idea of that style of school, or more completely carried it out, than the one at Florence. I have never seen in any state as much good work done for so small a sum of money as I see here at the state normal."

The Florence Times, speaking of Dr. Powers, says: In his success at Florence there is promise, very great promise, of success at the University under Dr. J. K. Powers. The Normal College succeeded by doing what was intended to do. It did not attempt to turn out Bachelors or Masters or Doctors. It trained teachers. To that end all of its energies and resources were devoted. Its teachers were selected with special reference to the work they were to do. They were specialists. Again, none of the funds were wasted. Every dollar was made to bring the best possible return, either in outfit or service. To do all this required great industry and patient attention to detail.

It is confidently expected that the same qualities will command like success at the University. It may require time, it will, to accomplish all that is desired. And when the ideals of the present are accomplished facts, there will doubtless be others in advance to aim for. This is the condition of all development. Just as a Normal was developed here to meet the conditions in Alabama, an University may be expected to adapt itself to meet the conditions incident to its environment.

The House.

The House spent the day in the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Eighty-nine of the 112 pages of the bill were covered and only one amendment of importance was adopted. It reduced the clerical force at the pension office ninety-five, involving a reduction in salaries of \$115,000.

The civil service question, as on yesterday, was the chief topic of discussion today. At the opening this morning a resolution for the holiday recess from Saturday, December 18, to January 5, offered by Mr. Dingley, from the committee on ways and means, was adopted. Mr. Livingston submitted some general remarks in opposition to the civil service law, which he denounced as a humbug and a fraud. He was followed by Messrs. Dearmond, Bingham and Wheeler, and at 5:05 the House adjourned.

The Senate—Thursday.

Mr. Allen's resolution calling on the president for information about the instructions given to the international monetary commission and the report made to him by the commission came up, to which Mr. Wolcott, chairman of the commission, replied that he would soon make a detailed statement of the commission. The resolution went over until January 15.

Mr. Pritchard, chairman of the committee on civil service, delivered a speech concerning the general features of the law.

Mr. Frye, of the commerce committee, favorably reported and the senate passed a bill directing the secretary of the treasury to purchase or construct a suitable vessel for revenue cutter service on the Yukon river, Alaska, to cost not to exceed \$40,000.

Mr. Allison reported favorably the house joint resolution providing for a recess of congress from December 18, 1897, to January 5, 1898. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hawley reported the resolution of Mr. McBride, for the relief of American miners and other sufferers in the Yukon valley, Alaska. The committee struck out all but the enacting clause and amended the resolution by appropriating \$250,000, which is to be used by the secretary of war for the purchase of subsistence and supplies, and for their transportation and distribution. The resolution was adopted.

A resolution was passed directing the secretary of the treasury to furnish the senate the names of the revenue cutters employed on the coast of Florida to prevent filibustering; how many such expeditions were thwarted; what vessels were captured; what armed expeditions were taken; and by what authority of law the secretary of the treasury acted in the matter. The bill went over to a future date. Adjourned.

The House.

The house today passed a bill appropriating \$175,000 for the relief of the people of the Yukon river country, and also the bill passed by the senate yesterday to prohibit pelagic sealing by American citizens. In the course of the debate over the latter bill there was some exceedingly caustic criticisms of the course of our Behring sea negotiations, past and present. After further debate, the bill was passed, yeas 148, nays 78.

5 o'clock the house adjourned.

The Senate—Friday.

A spirited debate was precipitated in the senate today by the submission by Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, of the report of the special joint committee of the senate and house of representatives, appointed to investigate the use of alcohol in the arts. It developed that a wide divergence of opinion exists among senators as to the practicability from the point of view of government revenue of reducing the present tax upon alcohol used in the arts. Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, who favors such a reduction, expressed the opinion that if congress would lay aside political considerations and deal with the liquor question courageously and honestly by the imposition of an additional tax of a dollar a barrel on liquor and beer the government revenue would take care of itself. Mr. Vest, of Missouri, strenuously opposed any additional tax on beer. Under a special order eighteen private pension bills were passed.

At the suggestion of Mr. Hawley, chairman of the military affairs committee, the bill passed by the house for the relief of the miners in the Klondike was taken up at once. The senate bill was substituted for that of the house and a conference ordered, with Senators Hawley, Carter and

University of Alabama.

Furloughs for the Holidays—December 23 to January 2.

On requests from parents or guardians, students will receive leaves of absence from Thursday afternoon, December 23, through January 2 following. This will enable all who so desire to spend both Christmas and New Year at their homes.

January 3 will be a good time for new students to enter, as in many departments new subjects begin that day. Such will receive a cordial welcome to the University.

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More Wages Reduced.

The directors of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company, of Manchester, N. H., at a meeting held at the Boston office of the company Friday, voted to reduce the wages of its employees about 10 per cent on January 1. The Amoskeag plant is one of the largest engaged in the manufacture of cotton in the country, and employs between 8,000 and 9,000 people.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

The Senate—Wednesday.

Proceedings of the senate were enlivened today by an interesting debate upon the bill presented by the foreign relations committee providing for the prohibition of pelagic sealing by Americans. Mr. Davis, of the foreign affairs committee, called up the bill prohibiting fur sealing in the waters of the North Pacific and presented letters from Secretaries Sherman, of the state department, and Gage, of the treasury department on the subject, advocating the passage of the proposed measure. Mr. Davis said the bill was in the aid of furthering diplomatic negotiations and pointed out that there was now no law prohibiting pelagic sealing. Mr. Pettigrew entered a sharp protest to the passage of the bill because it deprives Americans of privileges extended to people of other countries, and offered an amendment to the effect that if Great Britain by the first of June next did not agree to a suspension of pelagic sealing this country would call all seals, male and female, and thus settle the question once for all. Mr. Pettigrew then offered an amendment to the bill in line with his remarks, but it was defeated. The bill was then passed by a vote of 37 to 14.

By agreement the bill providing for the twelfth census was taken up, but went over until after the holiday recess.

Mr. McBride, of Oregon, endeavored to secure the adoption of his resolution directing the secretary of war to supply relief to the suffering miners in the Klondike region and appropriating \$250,000 for that purpose. The resolution was amended so that supplies might be transported by means of reindeer. Mr. McBride consented finally that the resolution should be recommitted to the military affairs committee with the understanding that it would be promptly reported.

The House.

The House spent the day in the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Eighty-nine of the 112 pages of the bill were covered and only one amendment of importance was adopted. It reduced the clerical force at the pension office ninety-five, involving a reduction in salaries of \$115,000.

The civil service question, as on yesterday, was the chief topic of discussion today. At the opening this morning a resolution for the holiday recess from Saturday, December 18, to January 5, offered by Mr. Dingley, from the committee on ways and means, was adopted. Mr. Livingston submitted some general remarks in opposition to the civil service law, which he denounced as a humbug and a fraud. He was followed by Messrs. Dearmond, Bingham and Wheeler, and at 5:05 the House adjourned.

The Senate—Saturday.

Today's open session of the senate was brief, the time being consumed in the introduction of bills and resolutions, several of the latter calling for information from various departments being passed.

A joint resolution was passed providing for the expenditure of \$10,000 more than originally intended upon the government building at the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha, Neb.; that \$2,500 be appropriated for a building at the exposition for a display of the life-saving service and that the cost of the government display be reduced from \$150,000 to \$137,500, the entire cost of the government buildings at the exposition to \$62,500.

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Asked to Co-Operate.

The Atlanta Clearing House Association held an important meeting Friday at which resolutions were adopted urging all chambers of commerce, clearing houses and bankers' associations of the southern states to take prompt action looking to carrying out the plans recently proposed at the bankers' convention held in Atlanta, to send a delegation to Washington to co-operate with those who are seeking a reformation of the currency and banking system.

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Cockrell as conferees. After the debate on alcohol used in the arts had run some time, Mr. Allison deprecated any attempt to raise the question at present. At 4:25 p. m. the senate adjourned until tomorrow.

The House.

The house today completed the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, excepting the paragraph relating the civil service. By agreement, the debate on this latter paragraph will go over until after the holidays. The bill as reported abolishes the assay office at New Orleans. The house then went into committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bill. On Mr. Cannon's motion, the senate amendment to the bill for the relief of the miners on the Upper Yukon was disagreed to and its committee agreed to a conference. Messrs. Cannon, of Illinois; Northway, of Ohio, and Sayers, of Texas, were appointed conferees.

The debate developed into a financial discussion. Mr. Cox, of Tennessee, submitted that Secretary Gage's testimony, given before the house banking committee, was a frank statement of the position of the government. He had voted his adherence to the gold standard as against bimetallism, and his whole bill was designed to uphold and perpetuate that standard. Adjourned.

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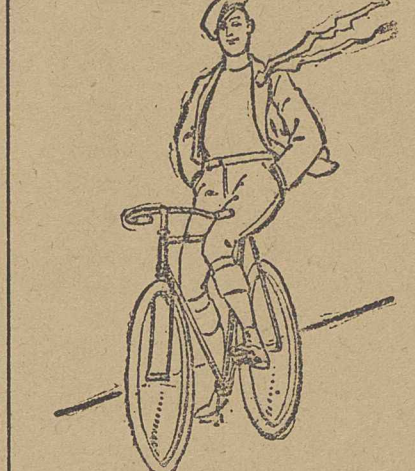
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Cause of Much Misery.
Of all microbes the animalcule of the gripple is the ugliest to look upon. Magnified to the size of the picture here shown, this microbe has the appearance of a new kind of bug—all legs and body. Suffering mortals who have been sneezing, sniffing and mopping watery eyes will be interested to see the cause of their trouble. This microbe is industrious, if not pretty, and he will continue to be much in evidence unless all present indications fail.

A New Jersey paper prints a picture of a young woman who was bitten nearly to death by mosquitoes. We cannot escape the impression that these mosquitoes sometimes display very poor taste.

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